

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday in Lent

Behold, I Make All Things New

March 5, 2023

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

The God of Abraham Praise setting by Peter Pindar Stearns

*The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above,
The Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, forever blest.*

- Daniel ben Judah Dayan

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*There is so much we do not understand,
so many mysteries in this life of faith.
But some things are certain. We do know:
**Our help comes from the Lord,
following Jesus requires rebirth,
and God loves the whole world.**
Then let us worship the Lord, our Maker.*

+Hymn 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

+Confession of Sin

Jeremiah Banks

+Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hear this good news: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

We will bear witness to the new thing God is doing in our lives.

+Response

by John Bell



Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new be - gin-ning with you and
start - ing from to - day. Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
pro - mise is true, for I am Christ the way.

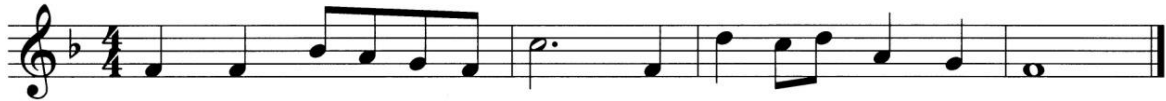
Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Psalm 121

setting by Hal Hopson



Help comes on - ly from the Lord, the mak - er of heav'n and earth.

I look high to the hills. From where shall come my help?

*My help comes only from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **REFRAIN***

God will not let you fall; the guardian of your life never sleeps.

*No, never sleeps, nor slumbers, the guardian of Israel true. **REFRAIN***

God is your help and shade, ever near to protect and guide you.

*The sun shall not strike you by day; the moon shall not harm you by night. **REFRAIN***

A Readings from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Genesis 12:1-9

+Hymn 251

I Will Be Your God

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A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

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And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,

that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

– John 3:1-17

Sermon

“New Meaning”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 565

God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

*HYFRYDOL

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Jill House

Loose change will benefit the Southeast Kentucky Ministerial Alliance’s ministry – in conjunction with the Corbin and Williamsburg police departments – to stranded travelers.

Offertory Anthem

God So Loved the World

by Thomas Keesecker

The Sanctuary Choir

God so loved the world, he gave his only Son.

A Son to shine in our darkness, a light to cast out despair.

He comes to take away evil, and in his light we have life!

And everyone who believes will have eternal life.

Lord, lifted up, we come to you with wonder, thanks, and praise.

Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love. Let all who seek you rejoice.

Deliver us from distress and lead us forth in joy.

Do not live in fear. Called to life, arise!

Turn away from sin. Oh come, Lord, enter in.

Remembering Our Past

Ann Hacker

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Sending

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+Hymn 601

O How I Love Jesus

*O HOW I LOVE JESUS

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go from this place in confidence, for the Lord your Maker
watches over your sleeping and your awakening,
your beginning and your ending,
your coming and your going,
both now and forevermore. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Partita on ST. ANNE
III. Trumpet Tune; V. Toccata

by David Lasky

+all who are able may stand

Samuel Garr, accompanist

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Damon Hodges

in commemoration of his birthday

by

Peggy Harris Hodges

and

in commemoration of the March 6th birthday of

Gayle Majors

by

Phil Majors

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III