

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* setting by R. Warner

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days.*

- Henry Francis Lyte (alt.)

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

Some have worshiped unknown gods, in temples made with human hands.

We worship the living God, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Some have searched the whole world to find direction in their lives.

We worship the One who is here, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

+Hymn 315 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART
stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

+Prayer of Confession Jeremiah Banks

+Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sisters and brothers, we are not left to struggle alone. We have an advocate
who is always with us, so do not be afraid to hope and to share that hope
with others. Believe the good news of the Gospel:*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+Response MIT FREUDEN ZART



Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God all praise and
glo - ry; let all who know God's power pro-claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast
each false i - dol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ a-lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

- Johann Jakob Schütz

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Alex Lockridge

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66

LAND OF REST

O bless the Lord; come, all rejoice! Let songs of praise resound!

For in the midst of our distress, God's presence can be found.

The rule of ancient law required burnt offerings for my part;

A nobler sacrifice is mine, I offer God my heart.

O would that all, in every place, knew God as I have known;

God shares my joy, and in my grief will leave me not alone.

Bless God, all you who would the lies of sinful lips disprove;

With truth God shall sustain your way, your life with steadfast love.

- Michael Morgan

The Easter Gospel

Katie Bales

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

- John 14:15-21

+Hymn 364

I Love Thee

I LOVE THEE

Sermon

“To an Unknown God”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 58

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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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

Lindsay Lowe

Loose change received in May will support the mission projects of our Vacation Bible School.

leading in worship today

Katie Bales

reader

Rev. Jeremiah Banks

Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Carolyn Garr

choral director

Samuel Garr

accompanist

Rev. Alex Lockridge

Senior Pastor

Lindsay Lowe

Deacon

Darrell Tremaine

reader

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Marie Leake

by

Linda Leake Wilson

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