

First Baptist Church at Worship

Reign of Christ

November 21, 2021
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

*Trumpet Tune in C**

by David N. Johnson

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
And also with you.*

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*The Lord is King, robed in majesty and girded with strength.
May Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.*

*God's throne is established from of old – from everlasting to everlasting!
For the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours,
now and forevermore. Amen.*

- from Psalm 93 and Matthew 6

Hymn 223

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Prayer of Confession

Jeremiah Banks

Act of Praise

HE IS KING



He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
Je - sus Christ, the first and last, — no one works like him.

He built his throne up in the air; and called his saints from everywhere. REFRAIN

He pitched his tents on Canaan ground; and broke oppressive kingdoms down. REFRAIN

I know that my Redeemer lives; And by his love sweet blessing gives. REFRAIN

- African American spiritual

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

stanza 1

The Revelation to John

Paul Sims

*Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*

***To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.***

- Revelation 1:4b-6

Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

stanza 2

The Revelation to John

Alex Lockridge

*Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.*

So it is to be. Amen.

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come.*

- Revelation 1:7-8

Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

stanza 3

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

- John 18:33-37

Sermon

"Make Us to Be a Kingdom"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

*CWM RHONDDA

*God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
Cure Thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,*

- Harry Emerson Fosdick

Offertory Prayer

Janie Akins

Organ Offertory

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

setting by Don Shannon

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

- Charles Wesley

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

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*You are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.
Go now to serve in God's kingdom through the strength, the love,
and the enduring presence of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Hymn 215

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*DARWALL

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on DARWALL

by Anna Laura Page

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of my parents

Arnold and Evelyn Disney

by

Linda McBurney and family

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