

First Baptist Church at Worship

November 26, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Reign of Christ

Gathering

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Piano Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Samuel Garr, pianist

arr. by B. Compton

Call to Worship

Carolyn Garr

Who is the One whom we worship?

We worship Christ the King, who makes a home among the least and the lost.

Who is the One whom we worship?

We worship Christ the King, who is hungry, thirsty, in prison, and a stranger.

In caring for the least among us we serve and worship Christ.

+Hymn 223

Crown Him with Many Crowns
David Garr, trumpet

DIADEMATA

+Prayer of Confession

Alex Lockridge

...in gratitude for all you have done for us, we have pursued self-advancement and preservation. Forgive us for paying mere lip-service to the reign of Christ; empower us by the Holy Spirit to live according to his life and teaching, laying down our lives in love, to your honor and glory forever. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+The Peace

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

+Act of Praise

CORONATION

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; ...
O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; ...*

- Edward Perronet

Proclaiming

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

+Hymn of Praise

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

KINGSFOLD

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways;
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

A Reading from the Gospels

Carolyn Garr

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

"A Sermon to Die for"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 158

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

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 November will go to the Benevolence Fund.

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. by R. Kingsmore

Samuel Garr, pianist

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

+Sending Song

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

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go now and embrace the hope to which God has called us.
And may God give you a place of rest on rich pasture;
May Christ Jesus be the shepherd king who binds your wounds;
And may the Holy Spirit reveal to you the fullness of the One who fills all in all. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

setting by C. Callahan

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guideth us on to the end of our days.*

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks

Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Donna Davis

Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura

Accompanist

Carolyn Garr

Interim Music Director

Nick Hibbard

cantor

Rev. Alex Lockridge

Senior Pastor

Lindsay Lowe

Deacon

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

David Burton

by

JoAnn Burton

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