

First Baptist Church at Worship

PENTECOST

May 23, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA

by Paul Manz

The Coming of the Holy Spirit – *from Acts 2*

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
In those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

Hymn 225

On Pentecost They Gathered

ST. THEODULPH

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

Psalm 104

by Hal Hopson

during the singing of the psalm, children are dismissed for Children's Church



O Lord, send down Your Spir - it, and make us new a - gain.

Lord, how great You are! How beautiful the world You made.

The moon and stars on high, the flowers and the hills,

*O God, You made them all, they still are in Your hand. **REFRAIN***

Lord, we bless Your name, Your glory shout forevermore.

You feed us by Your hand, You guide us by Your love,

*I'll sing my whole life long, and You will be my song. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles

Alex Lockridge

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- Romans 8:22-27

Response

LONDONDERRY AIR

*Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing: Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduring, wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing, the will that lacks the courage to be free,
The weary labors, all but unavailing, to bring us nearer what a church should be.
Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing, a true repentance and a faith restored,
A swift obedience and a new possessing, filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving, unnumbered voices with a single prayer –
The living water for our souls' reviving, in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.*

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

- John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sermon

“It Is to Your Advantage”

Alex Lockridge

Hymn 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

Honoring our Graduates and Presentation of Scholarships

Prayer of Consecration

Alex Lockridge

In this important moment in life's journey, we join together to consecrate it to You, O God.

It is by Your grace that these graduates have come this far in their lives, and we ask for Your help as they move on from here.

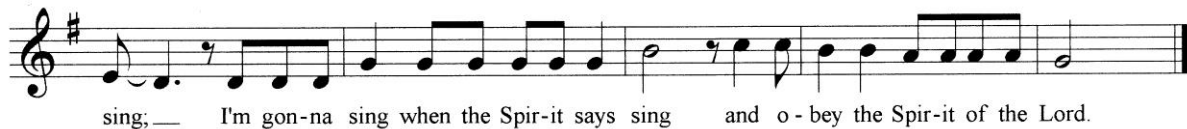
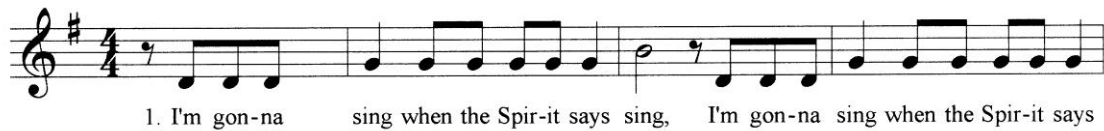
We acknowledge those who have been instrumental in our graduates' lives: parents, teachers, coaches, friends, mentors, siblings and other relatives.

We also recognize the importance of the church in their development, and we acknowledge Your importance, O God, in everything they do. We pray for these graduates, that You will bless them with Your Spirit. Keep them from all harm and give them a sense of joy and a sense of responsibility. Help them to become what You are calling them to be, and let them know that they are loved by You and by us. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Spiritual Song

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

I'M GONNA SING



2. I'm gonna shout... 3. I'm gonna pray ... 4. I'm gonna preach ... 5. I'm gonna sing ...

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*You have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Go forth empowered and equipped by the Spirit to be Christ's body,
doing God's work through the church in the world. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

setting by Anna Laura Page

Lorin Leake, cantor

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
my parents
Cecil C. and T. P. Harris
and my husband
Damon Hodges
by
Peggy Harris Hodges*

BOX LUNCH GATHERING

Sunday, June 6
immediately after worship
welcoming

Jeremiah Banks, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation
please contact the church office to make your reservation

Vacation Bible School

6 pm – 8 pm
the five Wednesdays in June

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Nick Hibbard at nhibbard@corbinfbc.org
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