

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Piano Voluntary

There Is a Balm in Gilead

setting by Thomas Keesecker

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

- African-American spiritual

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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*Beloved children of God,
in supplication and prayer,
with intercessions and with thanksgiving,*

let us worship our holy God.

*In hope and in humility,
with joy and with concerns,*

let us worship our holy God.

*In faith and in uncertainty,
with questions and with conviction,*

let us worship our holy God.

+Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

+Confession of Sin

Jeremiah Banks

O Christ, Your love is without limit; You gave Your very life for us.

***Forgive us, Lord, when we Your people are hesitant to share even the smallest
of our gifts.***

O Christ, You model a life of service, always attentive to the ones in need.

Forgive us, Lord, when we Your people refuse to hear the cries of our neighbors.

O Christ, You call us into community, joining the church in one faith, one baptism.

Forgive us, Lord, when we Your people fail to live up to Your calling.

Forgive us, renew us, and remake us into Your faithful people.

+Admonition

Jeremiah Banks

Sisters and brothers, may your prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct. This is good and it pleases God our Savior.

- from I Timothy 2

Response

Write Your Blessed Name

by K. Lee Scott

The Sanctuary Choir

*Write Your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
There to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity
Shall ever move me from Your love.
Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,
And a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life.
O Jesus, my only Savior!*

- Thomas à Kempis

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: “Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

- Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1

Psalm 113

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Praise be to God! Praise, O servants of God; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of God is to be praised.

God is high above all nations, and God's glory above the heavens.

*God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with nobles, with the leaders of God's people.*

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Gospels
Luke 16:1-13

Paul Sims

+Hymn 71

Be Thou My Vision

*SLANE

Sermon

“The Balm for Brokenness”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 698

For the Healing of the Nations

*CWM RHONDDA

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

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in September will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden, which provides fresh vegetables to the patrons of our Food Pantry.

Piano Offertory

There Is a Balm in Gilead

setting by Mark Patterson

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,
Then tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.*

- African-American spiritual

Remembering Our Past

Lucas Tremaine

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.

Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime;*
2. *I'm gonna work so God can use me,*
3. *I'm gonna pray so God can use me,*
4. *I'm gonna sing so God can use me,*

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks, Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

Go from this place offering prayers and thanksgiving for everyone.

Be shrewd in dealing with the world around you, but do not be seduced into serving wealth.

Weep for those who suffer and share faith and truth with all people.

And may God be your healing balm,

may Christ Jesus welcome you with love,

and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on CWM RHONDDA

by Paul Manz

+all who are able may stand

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Mildred and Harold Adkins

by

Kim and Johnny Bolton

We are pleased to welcome Yukiko Fugimura as our guest musician. Dr. Fugimura, a native of Knagawa, Japan, is Assistant Professor of Music at Union College. She is on the Board of Directors of Kentucky Music Teachers Association, serving as president-elect. Prior to coming to Union, Yukiko taught at Joliet (IL) Junior College and Concordia University Chicago. She holds degrees from University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and Ball State University, and is in demand as a recitalist and concert musician. While in Chicago, Yukiko served in United Church of Christ and United Methodist congregations.

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

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