First Baptist Church at Worship

April 9, 2017 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

PALM SUNDAY

The Sixth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

setting by David Maxwell

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem from Matthew 21

Austin Carty & Alex Lockridge

+Hymn 175

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

+Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Paul Sims

We give You thanks, O God, for opening to us the gates of righteousness.

Morning by morning we shall arise to praise You;

Day by day we shall be led by Your Word.

Hear our rejoicing and receive our thanksgiving;

Blessed be the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

+Act of Praise

by Alfred Fedak





The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 118

setting by John Ferguson





Open the gates through which the righteous may enter;

We will give thanks to God, our praises we render. REFRAIN

God in great mercy heard and answered our pleading;

God is the God of all, yes, all gods exceeding. REFRAIN

See the great stone, the stone the builders rejected;

Now it's the cornerstone, no longer neglected. REFRAIN

This is the day, the day the Lord has created;

Let us be glad in it, the day long awaited. REFRAIN

- Hal Hopson, 21st century

The Passion Narrative – from Matthew 27

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Anthem

My Song Is Love Unknown

by Edwin Childs

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,

Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;

Resounding all the day hosannas to their king.

Then "Crucify" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?

He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight.

What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores.

Never was love, dear king, never was grief like yours!

This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

- Samuel Crossman, 17th century

Sermon

"Blessed Is He"

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

AZMON

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare. And hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.

They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms And vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.

When day dimmed down to deepening dark the crowd began to fade Till only trampled leaves and bark were left from the parade.

Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise, Remind us, God, as this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.

Instead of palms, a winding sheet will have to be unrolled, A carpet much more fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

- Thomas Troeger, 20th century

+Offertory Prayer

J. P. Winchester

Loose change received in April will support the work of CBF Field Personnel Scarlette Jasper, who works in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky through Olive Branch Ministries and Together for Hope.

Organ Offertory All Glory, Laud, and Honor

setting by Joyce Jones

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 for Lent

OLD HUNDREDETH

Praise God, the Source of life and birth. Praise God the Word, who came to earth. Praise God the Spirit, holy flame. All glory to God's holy name! Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 339

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

When you leave this gathering, sing hosannas. Carry their glad cry into this new week.

However popular or unpopular the cause, we wish to follow Jesus Christ.

We have been commissioned and empowered to make a difference in the world around us.

Hosanna! Blessed are all who go forth to serve. Hosanna in the highest!

Organ Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

setting by David Maxwell

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist Lorin Leake, cantor

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Community Holy Week Services

Monday

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

Tuesday

Corbin Presbyterian Church

Wednesday

Christian Care Communities

Maundy Thursday

Church of the Nazarene

Good Friday

First Baptist Church

Weekday events will begin at 11:15 a.m. for lunch, with worship to follow

Offerings will be received that will benefit a ministry of the Southeastern Kentucky Ministerial Alliance to provide charitable aid to the poor and distressed through financial assistance, the provision of food, and the sustenance of faith.

Maundy Thursday

with

Tenebrae

Thursday evening at Seven-thirty O'clock in the sanctuary