

# First Baptist Church at Worship

## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

### *Gathering*

Organ Voluntary

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

setting by David Maxwell

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.***

+++

*God is moving in the world.*

***with flames of justice and waters of mercy.***

*Christ is calling in the world,*

***with whispers of love and cries of compassion.***

*Let us worship the One who created the world*

***and lend our voices to Creation's song.***

+Hymn 323

*How Great Thou Art*

\*O STORE GUD

+Confession of Sin

Jeremiah Banks

*O God, You are nearby and far off, in our every moment and in the highest heaven.  
Forgive us when we would rather not remember You in the everyday moments of our lives:  
when choosing You would mean putting our neighbors' needs first; when following You  
would challenge our comfortable assumptions; when listening to You would change the life  
we have grown to love.*

***Forgive us, God of mercy.***

***Let Your face shine on us so we may walk once more in Your holy ways. Amen.***

Psalm 139

setting by Allen Pote

The Summer Choir

Donna Davis, accompanist

*Lord, You have searched me and known me, You know everything I do.*

*When I rise up, when I lie down, You are with me through and through.*

*Before a word is on my tongue, You know what I will say, You presence follows me day by day.*

*Where can I flee from Your spirit? Where can I go to run away?*

*If I go to heaven, or live in hell, You are there.*

*Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.*

*See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.*

# Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Paul Sims

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

- Jeremiah 23:23-29

+Hymn 439

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

BATTLE HYMN

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

- Luke 12:49-56

Hymn

*God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle*

HOLY MANNA

*God, whose purpose is to kindle: now ignite us with Your fire;  
While the earth awaits Your burning, with Your passion us inspire.  
Overcome our sinful calmness, rouse us with redemptive shame;  
Baptize with Your fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame.  
God, who still a sword delivers rather than a placid peace,  
With Your sharpened Word disturb us, from complacency release!  
Save us now from satisfaction, when we privately are free,  
Yet are undisturbed in spirit by another's misery.  
God, who in Your holy Gospel, wills that we should truly live,  
Make us sense our share of failure, our tranquility forgive.  
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife;  
Lift the smallness of our vision by Your own abundant life.*

- Elton Trueblood

Sermon

"When God Doesn't Make Sense"

Alex Lockridge

# Responding

+Hymn 58

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

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 August will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program, which delivers food-filled backpacks to students in Corbin Independent schools and schools in Knox and Whitley counties.

Offertory

*There Is Power in the Blood*

setting by Lewis E. Jones

Samuel Garr, clarinet

Carolyn Garr, piano

*Would you be free from your passion and pride?*

*Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide.*

*Would you do service for Jesus your King?*

*Would you live daily his praises to sing?*

- Lewis E. 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

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

Jeremiah Banks

*The peace of the Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

+Hymn 17

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA PATRIS

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*May the God of peace come near to you,  
may Christ Jesus help you to rightly interpret the word,  
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You* setting by Robert J. Powell

*If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways,  
You will find strength with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days;  
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.*

- Georg Neumark

+all who are able may stand

**Called Business Meeting**  
*immediately following worship*

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

Cecil and T. P. Harris

*and my husband*

Damon Hodges

*by*

*Peggy Harris Hodges*

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

Music reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-734945. All rights reserved.