

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Prelude on OLD 134TH

by Jack W. Jones

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.

+++

Come together to listen to the voice of our Creator.

We remember the rich heritage we have received.

We assemble before God, our rock and refuge.

How will we honor God on this holy day?

We will delight in the works of our God.

We will join together in worship and in good works.

+Hymn 299

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

OLD 134TH

stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5

+Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

You call us, O God, but we seldom hear. Or, if we do hear, we are reluctant to respond. Or, if we do respond, we are afraid to follow Your ways. Our sin pulls us away from You, but You do not give up on us. Remove the obstacles that keep us from the life You intend for us.

***Help us to receive Your call with our whole hearts,
so that we may do Your work and give You glory. Amen.***

+Act of Praise

Kenyan gathering song

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, there is no oth - er God.

together; preachers; deacons; children; teachers; together

Recognition of Students and Teachers

Jeremiah Banks

We celebrate our children, their leaders, and this new year of Sunday School.

We give You thanks, O God.

*We celebrate the opportunities our children will have to learn about the Bible,
God's big story.*

We give You thanks, O God.

*For teachers who offer their time and talents to teach our children
the story of Jesus and his love,*

We give You thanks, O God.

For congregations who nurture the faith of children through word and example,

We give You thanks, O God.

For parents and caregivers who bring up their children in faith,

We give You thanks, O God.

For children who come with energy and enthusiasm,

We give You thanks, O God.

*We dedicate this Sunday School year to You, O God, and pray that,
through it, our children will grow as followers of Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

Proclaiming

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71

In You, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Your ear to me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon You I have leaned from my birth; my praise is continually of You.

+Hymn

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

*BEACH SPRING

***Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses – all burst forth at Your command.***

Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, great Creator, God and Friend:

Boundless pow'r gave full expression to Your love which knows no end.

Who am I that You should love me, meet my every need from birth?

Why invest Yourself so fully in a creature made of earth?

In Your loving heart You planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;

Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit, planted Your own image there.

I am Yours, Eternal Father, all my body, mind, and heart.

Take and use me to Your glory, form Yourself in every part.

Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness flowing forth within my soul.

May my very breath and being rise to You, their source and goal.

- Peter Ellis

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. Jesus said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

- Luke 13:10-19

Sermon

"Spiritual Crutches"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 490

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

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 Anthem

Lord, Here Am I

by John Ness Beck

The Summer Choir

Donna Davis, accompanist

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.

Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor and where it shall be.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss;

Willing to follow if Thou wilt but lead; only support me with grace in my need.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living or dying, I still would be Thine. Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.

Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

- Fannie Crosby

Remembering Our Past

Ann Hacker

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.

+Hymn 614

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

McDANIEL

stanzas 1 and 2

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

Go now to speak the words God gives you to all those to whom God sends you.

Offer your worship to God with thanksgiving and with good works.

And may God be your rock and your refuge,

may Christ Jesus set you free from all that cripples you,

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

Organ Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

setting by Richard Warner

+all who are able may stand

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Mel Chandler, Sr.

in commemoration of his August 24th birthday

by

Mel, Jane, Garner, and Patton Chandler

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