

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

February 27, 2022
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Entrata Festiva

by David Lasky

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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God, stretching to the heavens,

God, lofty like the clouds,

God, mighty like the mountains,

God, immense like the great deep,

Your salvation is expansive and generous,

touching all of Your creation.

We rejoice in the abundance of Your steadfast love.

Hymn 52

O Worship the King

*LYONS

Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

Loving Lord, we long to be Your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, gracious God. Change us – like water into wine – to become what the world lacks, that our church, our community, our nation, and all creation may know Your justice and love.

Act of Praise

LINSTEAD



All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;

Come, you heavens and powers that be, praise the Lord and his majesty: REFRAIN

Hills and mountains now sing God's worth, all you green things that grow on earth,

Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, beast and cattle, you birds and whales: REFRAIN

Come, humanity, sing along, sing, you people of God, a song,

All God's servants, your Lord now bless, join you spirits and souls at rest: REFRAIN

- Stephen Starke

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Paul Sims

Genesis 1:26-31

Psalm 36:5-10

Jeremiah Banks

*Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
Your judgments are like the great deep;
How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
They feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.
For with You is the fountain of life;
in Your light we see light.
O continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,
and Your salvation to the upright of heart!*

Hymn 19

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*FOREST GREEN

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge

John 2:1-11

Sermon

“Radical Abundance”

Shauw Chin Capps

Responding

Hymn

Jesus, Come, for We Invite You

*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.

*Jesus, come, for we invite You, guest and master, friend and Lord;
Now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak, and let us hear Your word:
Lead us through our need and doubting, hope be born and joy restored;
Hope be born and joy restored.*

*Jesus, come in new creation, heaven brought near by power divine;
Give Your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:
Rouse the faith of Your disciples – come, our first and greatest Sign;
Come, our first and greatest Sign!*

*Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness; make us willing to receive
More than we can yet imagine, all the best You have to give:
Let us find Your hidden riches, taste Your love, believe, and live;
Taste Your love, believe, and live!*

- Christopher Idle

Offertory Prayer

Nancy Rich

Offertory

Rain Down

by Jaime Cortez

Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love on Your peo - ple.

Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love, God of life. _____

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

*God's mercy falls on the just and the right. Full of God's love is the earth. **REFRAIN***

God of creation, we long for Your truth; You are the water of life that we thirst.

*Grant that Your love and Your peace touch our hearts; all of our hope lies in You. **REFRAIN***

Together for Hope and FBC

Alex Lockridge and Keith Stillwell

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

Hymn 619

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

Commission and Blessing

Shauw Chin Capps and Alex Lockridge

Go now, trusting in Christ, who has quenched your thirst with the wine of God's abundance.

And may God rejoice over you, may Christ Jesus bring out the best in you,

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

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on CWM RHONDDA

by Anna Laura Page

Carolyn Garr, soloist

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