

First Baptist Church at Worship

The First Sunday in Lent

We Proclaim

February 18, 2024

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

We Gather

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Prelude

Faith of our Fathers

arr. by Stan Pethel

Carolyn Garr, flute

Call to Worship

Teresa Lawson

To you, O God, I lift my up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust.

Make us to know your ways, O God;

Teach us your paths.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us,

For you are the God of our salvation

-Psalm 25

+Hymn 17

This Is My Father's World

TERRA PATRIS

+Prayer of Confession

Jeremiah Banks

God our redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Act of Praise

O WALY WALY

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

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A Reading from the Gospels

Carolyn Garr

Mark 1:9-15

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 169

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah Banks

Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon

"We Proclaim Good News"

Alex Lockridge

We Respond

+Hymn

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

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.

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.

Number them among your people, raise like Christ from death and tomb.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.

Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.

God, renew us; guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares,

One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!

We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us, God, transform!

Global Missions Moment

Offertory Prayer

Alex Lockridge

Loose change received in February will go to the CBF Offering for Global Missions.

Offertory Anthem

One Touch of His Hand

arr. by Marty Parks

Nick Hibbard & Summer Walter, soloists

Prayers of the People

Lisa Harrison

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.*

We Go Out

+Hymn 418

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks & Alex Lockridge

*Beloved, God comes near and proclaims the good news all around us.
Go, now, in the blessed company of the Triune God;
Discover the inbreaking of the good news wherever you may go,
And proclaim this good news to whomever you meet. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

setting by David Lowe

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Lisa Harrison
Deacon

Teresa Lawson
Deacon

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of
Mollie Daniel and Kevin Pace
for their February birthdays*

by

*Mark & Jenny Daniel;
Sherry Pace;*

*Daniel, Lindsay, Jackson, Harrison & Emerson Lowe;
Sue Mills*

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