

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Prelude on LAND OF REST

by Sam Batt Owens

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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*We have traveled to this holy place
to worship God together.
We have come seeking a word from God,
a whisper of assurance from the One who calls us.
We have come longing for a glimpse of God,
and a glimpse of the world the way God sees it.
May God focus our sight through the lens of love.*

Hymn 332

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

stanzas 1 through 5

Confession of Sin

Jeremiah Banks

Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own. Our boundaries are drawn for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable, and we lay out the welcome mat for those we choose to welcome. But Your kingdom has no boundary. Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one. Soften our hearts to those we rage against. Restore us to Your vision of who belongs at Your table, and renew us with your abundant love and mercy.

Act of Praise

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*To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

- Charles Wesley

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Carolyn Garr

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 and save me.***

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

***Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.***

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

***Upon You I have leaned from my birth;
it was You who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of You.***

Hymn

Lord, When I Came into This Life

*LAND OF REST

Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name;

Today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of Your cast,

I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,

Let Your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:

Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on You.

- Fred Kaan

A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

Luke 4:14-30

Sermon

“Country Club Christianity”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

Hymn 490

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Organ Offertory

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

setting by Diane Bish

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart...

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 272

They'll Know We Are Christians

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Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Jeremiah Banks

*Go now to all to whom God sends you,
and speak whatever words God gives you.
Rejoice in the truth and do not be afraid.
Let all that you do and all that you say be filled with love.
And may God be with you always to deliver you,
may Christ Jesus put his gracious words in your mouth,
and may the Holy Spirit bring you to completeness in faith, hope, and love. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

setting by Anna Laura Page

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
my mom, Pauline Martin, and my dad, Jack Martin*

by

Vickie Martin Myers and David Myers

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