

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

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.*

Organ Voluntary

*Beautiful Savior**

setting by Dale Wood

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
-17th century German hymn*

Call to Worship

Jeremiah Banks

*The God who created us says,
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."
The God of our baptism says,
"I have called you by name; you are mine."*

Hymn 356

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

*KREMSER

Confession and Forgiveness

Paul Sims

God, who created us to be whole, we come in our brokenness to remember that we have been baptized. You have reclaimed us by water and the Holy Spirit's fire, but we have wandered far from the inspiration You provide. We have lived as if there were no standards but our own self-interest. We have sought power by our own manipulations rather than accept the strength You alone can provide. Refashion us in Your image and empower us once more to follow Jesus as true disciples.

Response

by David Haas

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home;— I love you and you are mine.

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*"I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here."* **REFRAIN**
*"I am the Word that leads to all freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!"* **REFRAIN**
- David Haas

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Paul Sims

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!

A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- David Gambrell

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Hymn

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

AURELIA

Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on

From Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.

He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,

But there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;

It seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.

The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:

"You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."

We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.

We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.

But now beside this water again a voice is heard.

"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

-Sylvia G. Dunstan

Sermon

"Created for God's Glory"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

Hymn 295

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*NETTLETON

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

J. Bill Sosh

Offertory

Take My Life

by Chris Tomlin

Alice Tremaine

*Take my life and let it be consecrated to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a might would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use every power as You choose.
Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord I pour at Your feet, it's treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Here am I, all of me, take my life, it's all for Thee.*

- Frances Ridley Havergal

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

Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime;*
2. *I'm gonna work so God can use me,*
3. *I'm gonna pray so God can use me,*
4. *I'm gonna sing so God can use me,*

- African-American spiritual

Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

Go now with the confidence that you are God's beloved children.

Trust in the Lord, and do not be afraid.

May God be your protection and strength,

May Christ Jesus baptize you with the Holy Spirit,

And may the Spirit empower you and give you peace. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Fanfare

by Jacques Lemmons

Carolyn Garr, cantor

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Gary's brothers, Richard Motz and Dennis Motz (Gary's twin);
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by
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