

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

We Proclaim

March 17, 2024

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

We Gather

Greeting Alex Lockridge

Prelude *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul* arr. by J.W. Peterson
David Garr, trumpet

Call to Worship Jeremiah Banks

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

Wash us from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

-Psalm 51

+Hymn 246 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA
stanzas 1-4

+Prayer of Confession Jeremiah Banks

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You write your law in our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know you. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away from your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your way, to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving love; 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

AURELIA

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.*

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A Reading from the Gospels

Carolyn Garr

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. **Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.**

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

-John 12:20-33

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 164

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

stanzas 1, 3, & 4

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Ann Hacker

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

“We Proclaim a New Relationship”

Alex Lockridge

We Respond

+Hymn 171

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

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

Brandon Wood

Loose change received in March will go to the Southeast Kentucky Ministerial Alliance.

Offertory Anthem

O My Soul! What Love!

arr. by Bruce Greer

Prayers of the People

Jeremiah Banks

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 158

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

Beloved, go from this place to seek and find the glory of Christ wherever you go. And may you be blessed to recognize Christ as you notice, meet, and serve your neighbors today and every day, proclaiming to them the new relationship in Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

setting by Innes

+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

Ann Hacker
Deacon

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Brandon Wood
prayer

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of my mother and in memory of my father,
Virginia and Jim Hawkins
by
Marsha and Danny Barnett*

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