

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Third Sunday in Lent

We Proclaim

March 3, 2024

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

We Gather

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Piano Prelude

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

arr. by Sidney A. Richardson

Ann Hacker, pianist

Call to Worship

Jeremiah Banks

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

There is no voice, there are no words,

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth--

Words of great praise to the end of the world!

-Psalm 19

+Gathering Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,

Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;

Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;

Come, with all Your loving-kindness, hear Your people as they pray;

And Your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;

What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain;

And here-after in Your glory evermore with You to reign.

+Prayer of Confession

Alex Lockridge

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+Act of Praise

REGENT SQUARE

*Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son;
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!*

We Proclaim

A Reading from the Gospels
John 2:13-22

Jill House

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 184
stanzas 1-2

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

A Reading from the Epistles
I Corinthians 1:18-25

Carolyn Garr

Sermon

“We Proclaim Justice”

Alex Lockridge

We Respond

+Hymn 689

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ST. THOMAS

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeremiah Banks & Alex Lockridge

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

(the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

...And may we become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. Amen.

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

Jesus Loves Me

arr. by A.C. Whitworth

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

arr. by J.P. David

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 507

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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

Daniel Lowe

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

Offertory Anthem

You Are Worthy

arr. by Russell Mauldin

+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

+Sending Hymn

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

Kim Croley, handbells/Nick Hibbard, tambourine

*God, who stretched the spangles heavens, infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
We, Your children, in Your likeness, share inventive powers with You.
Great Creator, still creating show us what we yet may do.*

*As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring You.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and Yours are one.*

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks & Alex Lockridge

*Beloved, may Jesus Christ go ahead of you this week,
So that you would turn over the tables that distract you,
Raise others up to join in the abundant life of the Triune God,
And proclaim justice, binding us together as the Body of Christ. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

setting by Alice Jordan

+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

Jill House
reader

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Daniel Lowe
Deacon

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Damon Hodges
in commemoration of his birthday
by
Peggy Harris Hodges*

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