

First Baptist Church at Worship

May 15, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Assemble in God's Name

Organ Voluntary

*Trumpet Tune in D Major**

by David N. Johnson

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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For people near and far,

for people present and people to come,

for the young and for those wise with age:

Come, let us praise the Lord; let us worship God.

+Hymn 335

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

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+Confession of Sin

Jeremiah Banks

Holy God, You command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to a vision of Your beloved community, as we share Your love with Your people everywhere.

+Easter Alleluia

by Finton O'Carroll



Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Psalm 148

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing. "God is our eternal King."
Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold:
Join with children's songs of praise, worship God through length of days.
Praise God, all you hosts above, ever shining forth in love;
Sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!
From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!"*

- Stopford Brooke

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Alex Lockridge

Acts 11:1-18

The Easter Gospel

Jeremiah Banks

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- John 13:31-35

+Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

AURELIA

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.
Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.
Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

- Fred Kaan

Sermon

Alex Lockridge

"Seeing the Point – The Rule-breaking Commandment"

Give Thanks to God

+Hymn 341

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

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

Jeremiah Banks

Offertory

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

setting by Cindy Johnson

Je - su, _____ Je - su, _____ fill us with Your love, show
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from You. _____

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,

Master who pours out himself for them.

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,

*Neighbors are near and far away. **REFRAIN***

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.

All are neighbors to us and you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,

*This is the way we should live with You. **REFRAIN***

- Ghanaian folk song

Recognition of Graduates

Jeremiah Banks

Presentation of Scholarships

J Bill Sosh

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 for Easter

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all grace flows forth!

Praise Life, all creatures here on earth! Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise Light who guides us on our way!

Praise Love who forms us day by day! Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Go in God's Name

+The Peace

Jeremiah Banks

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 272

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

Go out as disciples of Jesus Christ. The world will recognize you by your love.

Commune daily with the One who heads our family and grow in love for one another.

Then go in Jesus' name to serve and share God's love. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

by Anna Laura Page

+all who are able may stand

Carolyn Garr, worship leader

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*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III