

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Piano Prelude

Power of the Cross

arr. by C. Tornquist

Katherine Whitaker, pianist

Call to Worship

Carolyn Garr

This is Christ's new commandment:

To love one another as he loves us.

And there is no greater love than this:

To lay down one's life for others.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 296

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

+Prayer of the Day

Jefferson Calico

Holy One, you made known to us the greatness of your love in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Keep us always in Christ's love so that we may abide by your commandments and bear lasting fruit for the world; through Jesus Christ, our faithful friend. Amen.

+Response

NYLAND

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.

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Kayden Lockridge

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

-Acts 10:44-48

A Moment for Children

Hannah Reeder

+Hymn 41

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

stanzas 1-4

A Reading from the Gospels

Jefferson Calico

John 15:9-17

Sermon

“Whose Life Do You Lay Down?”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 458

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jefferson Calico & 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)

...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

At the Cross

arr. by S.B. McFarland

Amazing Grace

arr. by Smith/Perks

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

*The peace of the risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

+Hymn #473

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

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

Hannah Reeder

Loose change received in May will go to Vacation Bible School taking place on July 15-18.

Offertory Anthem

One More Time

arr. by C. Kirkland

+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.*

Sending

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Beloved, may God bless you with the strength to love one another
as God loves each and every one of you,
that you may find the complete, total, and everlasting joy
that comes when we abide together with God who is Love. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

setting by S.B. Owens

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Rev. Dr. Jefferson Calico
minister

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Kayden Lockridge
reader

Hannah Reeder
Olive Branch Ministry Intern

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Lorrie Lockridge
in commemoration of her May 6th birthday
by
Alex, Maria, Kayden, & Kinley Lockridge*

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

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