

# First Baptist Church at Worship

November 14, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

Organ Voluntary

*Prelude on ST. ANNE\**

by Healy Willan

Greeting and Call to Worship

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.*

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*Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!*

***God, the foundation of our lives,  
is worthy of our thanks and praise.***

*Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!*

***God, the cornerstone of our lives,  
brings order to our chaos.***

*Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!*

***God, the rock and redeemer of our lives,  
calls us to faith and honor.***

*Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!*

***God, the enduring good news of our lives,  
gives us strength and peace.***

*Let us worship the God who endures forever.*

Hymn 566

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6

Prayer of Confession

Carolyn Garr

Response

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.*

***Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

- Thomas O. Chisholm

# Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

I Samuel 1:4-20

The Song of Hannah

HOLY IS THE LORD



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

*The Lord has filled my heart with joy;  
how happy I am because of what God has done!*

***No one is holy like the Lord;  
there is none like him, no protector like our God.***

*The people who once were well-fed now hire themselves out  
to get food, but the hungry are hungry no more.*

***The childless woman has borne seven children,  
but the mother of many is left with none.***

*God lifts the poor from the dust  
and raises the needy from their misery.*

***The foundations of the earth belong to the Lord;  
on them God has built the world. REFRAIN***

- from I Samuel 2

A Reading from Hebrews

Jeremiah Banks

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

-Hebrews 10:11-25

Hymn 625

*Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

Sermon

“Great Anxiety and Vexation”

Alex Lockridge

## Responding

Hymn 573

*It Is Well with My Soul*

VILLE DU HAVRE

stanzas 1, 2, and 4

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.*

## Sending

Hymn 640

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

\*SHOWALTER

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go out in peace, for the Lord has heard your prayers.  
Do not allow anyone to lead you astray  
but hold fast to the hope you have claimed.  
Continue to meet together, encouraging and provoking one another  
to put love into action.*

*And may God be your rock of strength;  
May Christ Jesus usher you into the presence of God;  
and may the Holy Spirit write the law of love on your hearts. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*

by Charles Callahan

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn will are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of*  
**Agnes Young**  
*to commemorate her birthday*  
*by*  
*Billie Poynter and family*

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