

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 2, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gather in God's Name

Organ Voluntary

*Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN**

by Johann Walther

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration.*

- Joachim Neander

Greeting and Call to Worship

Jeremiah Banks

*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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*Even when we feel most alone and everything seems hopeless,
we remember the faithfulness of God, and our hope is restored.
When our circumstances make it difficult to sing the Lord's song,
we remember God's acts of saving grace and our hope is restored.
Let us worship the God of hope!*

+Hymn 52

O Worship the King

LYONS

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

+Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

*God of grace, we confess that the seed of faith within us is small.
Hope is often absent. Love is frequently inconvenient. Our sin keeps
us from responding to You. Tend to us in mercy, so that we may grow
in the ways of faith, hope, and love, after the example of Jesus Christ.*

+Response

ODE TO JOY

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.*

- Robert Grant

Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children

Jefferson Calico

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

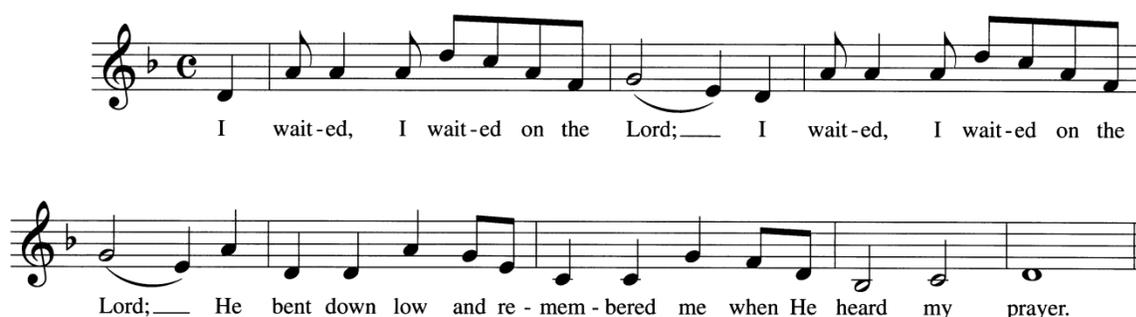
Jeremiah Banks

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.
"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

- Lamentations 3:19-26

Psalms 37

by John Bell



I wait-ed, I wait-ed on the Lord;— I wait-ed, I wait-ed on the
Lord;— He bent down low and re - mem - bered me when He heard my prayer.

*Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.*

***Trust in the Lord, and do good; take delight in the Lord,
and God will give you the desires of your heart.***

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God, and God will act.

*God will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice
of your cause like the noonday.*

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

- Luke 17:5-10

Sermon

"Lament: A Not-so-quiet Waiting"

Jeremiah Banks

Give Thanks to God

+Hymn 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeremiah Banks and 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)

... Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times 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

*Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE**

by Ralph Vaughan Williams

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,

Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.

O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Here might I stay and sing no story so divine:

Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.

This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

- Samuel Crossman

Sharing the Cup

*Nun bitten wir**

setting by Dietrich Buxtehude

Thou highest Comfort in every need, grant that neither shame nor death we heed,

That e'en our courage then may never fail us when the foe shall accuse and assail us.

Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light, that we Jesus Christ may know aright,

Clinging to our Savior, whose blood hath bought us, who again to our home hath brought us.

- Martin Luther

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

by Edith McNeil

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The piece consists of three lines of music. The first line begins with a 4/4 time signature, changes to 2/4, then back to 4/4, and ends with a 2/4 time signature. The second line starts with a 2/4 time signature, changes to 4/4, and then returns to 2/4. The third line begins with a 7/8 time signature and continues in that meter. The lyrics are: 'The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas - es; God's mer-cies nev - er ... come to an end. They are new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is Your faith - ful - ness.'

- from Lamentations 3

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 366

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

Offertory Prayer

Alex Lockridge

Loose change received in October will benefit First Baptist Church's Shoebox Ministry to children in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky, distributed through Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

Hear My Words

by Stephen Paulus

The Sanctuary Choir

*Hear my word, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.
With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
And expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.
Thou art holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.*

- from Psalm 5

Remembering Our Past

Paul Sims

+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.*

Go in God's Name

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks

Organ Postlude

Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN

by Larry Visser

+all who are able may stand

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*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Hubert and Lydia Wells
by
Eddie and Margaret Wells
Eddie Wells*

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