# First Baptist Church at Worship

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## Gather in God's Name

**Organ Voluntary** 

Beautiful Savior\*

setting by Dale Wood

Beautiful Savior, Lord of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

-17th century German hymn

#### 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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Like Mary, who lavished her treasure on the feet of Christ,

we come now to worship and offer ourselves to the Lord.

The things we once treasured are worthless,

compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus!

Hymn 315

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

### Confession and Forgiveness

Paul Sims

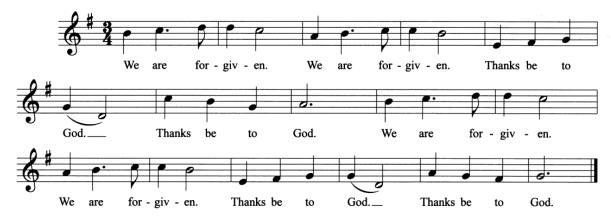
Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely in God's claim on us.

Jesus Christ restores us to life! Say it with joy:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Response

by Hal H. Hopson



## Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126 Paul Sims

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations:

The Lord has done great things for them.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy.

A Reading from the Epistles

Alex Lockridge

Philippians 3:4b-14

Hymn 641 Higher Ground

HIGHER GROUND

stanzas 1, 3, and 4

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

John 12:1-8

Sermon "Missing the Point – Presence over Presents" Alex Lockridge

## Give Thanks to God

Hymn 366 O God Beyond All Praising

**THAXTED** 

The Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

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 our thanks and praise.

(the Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Breaking the Bread

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

setting by David Maxwell

... love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all...

#### Sharing the Cup

More Love to Thee, O Christ

setting by Harold DeCou

... this all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee...

The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 361

My Jesus, I Love Thee

\*GORDON

Offertory Prayer

Phil Majors

Offertory

O How I Love Jesus

\*O HOW I LOVE JESUS

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.
O how I love Jesus, ... because he first loved me!
It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.
O how I love Jesus, ... because he first loved me!
It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.
O how I love Jesus, ... because he first loved me!

- Frederick Whitfield

### 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

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

In Christ, you are a new creation; the old has passed away; the new has come.

In newness of life, re-enter your everyday world,
seeing it through new eyes, seeking the upward call.

And may God bathe you in the sweet fragrance of love,
may Christ Jesus make you his own,
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Improvisation on THAXTED\*

by Will Young

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\*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III