First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Organ Voluntary

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

by Richard Warner

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King

- Henry Francis Lyte

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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Who is our Sovereign and Savior?

The Lord our God, the Lord alone.

Who are our sisters and brothers?

All those who gather round Jesus Christ.

Hymn 315

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

... so that we are ready to live in the eternal home You promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story. Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

- Johann Jakob Schütz

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture I Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 Jeremiah Banks

Alex Lockridge

Response

during the singing of the response, children are dismissed for Children's Church

Who is my mother, who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ:

Spirit-blown people born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labeled widen the circle round Jesus Christ:

Crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us – color or status can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:

Family failings, human derailings – all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other round Jesus Christ:

Here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

- Shirley Erena Murray

Sermon

"Give Us a King"

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank You? Our praise is but a start: Sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
In death and life extending Your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
Sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.
Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
Transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom You impart:
Sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.

- David Gambrell

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Alex Lockridge & 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)

Continue to pour out Your power in the church and in our daily lives, so that all will know that You are at work among us; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen.

The Communion of the People

Response TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

- Fanny J. Crosby

Commission & Blessing

Alex Lockridge & Paul Sims

We have been in the presence of the God of truth and grace.

We have seen glimpses of God's vision for our world.

Now we go forth to the grit and grime of our daily lives.

So, may God provide discernment that we may truly know the ways of the Lord, and may God's Spirit renew us day by day as we work for justice and peace. Amen.

Organ Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

by Robert A. Hobby

God's everlasting Word abides, our strong and sure salvation.

The Spirit here and now provides rich gifts and consolation.

Let wealth and family go, this body be brought low.

Whatever loss we bear God will at last repair.

God's realm is ours forever.

- Martin Luther

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
my parents
Bill and Alice Green
by
Patsy Green Herr

BOX LUNCH GATHERING

today immediately after worship *welcoming*

Jeremiah Banks, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Vacation Bible School Compassion Camp

for young people – birth through high school Wednesday Evenings in June at 6:00 p.m.

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