# First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

### Gathering

**Piano Voluntary** 

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

setting by Marilyn Ham

... and life more abundant and free... - Helen H. Lemmel

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

The Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to abundant life.
We hear Your voice and hasten to follow.
The Shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.
We hear Your invitation and take our place at the feast.
The Shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

We hear Your call and give You praise.

+Hymn 341

For the Beauty of the Earth

\*DIX

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

#### +Confession of Sin

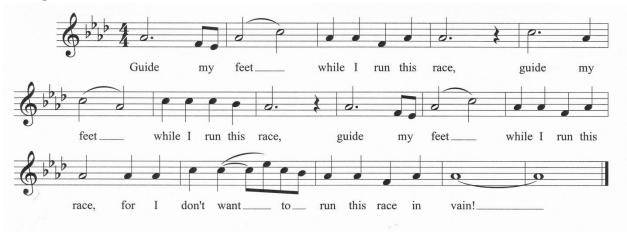
**Jeremiah Banks** 

God of community, You call us to a world that is radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and where faithfulness is shown through generosity.

But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust You. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to walk in Your ways and there learn to be grateful and generous.

#### +Response

**GUIDE MY FEET** 



Hold my hand, .... Search my heart, .... Stand by me, .... - African American spiritual

# Proclaiming

A Mome	ent for Children	Jeremiah Banks	
A Moment for Children       Jeremian Banks         Psalm 23       Paul Sims         The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.       He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.         He restoreth my soul:       he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.         Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,       I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;         Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.       Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:         Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.       Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:         and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.       Surely content in the presence of the LORD forever.			
Response BRADBURY Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. - Dorothy A. Thrupp			
	ng from the Acts of the Apostles ts 2:42-47 <i>Make of Our Life a House of Praise</i>	Alex Lockridge *LAND OF REST	
Make of our life a house of praise where all, with one accord, Unite to walk in Jesus' ways, the temple of the Lord. Here may we find our prayers are heard, and grow in truth and grace, Receive from Christ his holy word and know his love's embrace. Teach us our house of life to share, that all who will may come, The lost be doubly welcome there, the wand'rer find a home. So may our doors be open wide, and life together prove A house where God is glorified, a house of praise and love. - Timothy Dudley-Smith			
	ter Gospel hn 10:1-10	Paul Sims	

Sermon

"Enter Here"

Alex Lockridge

## Responding

#### +Hymn 477

### We Are Called to Be God's People

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

Loose change received in April will support the work of CBF Field Personnel Scarlette Jasper, who works in Southeastern Kentucky through Olive Branch Ministries, Together for Hope, and The White Flag Ministry.

#### Offertory Anthem

#### The Lord Is My Shepherd The Sanctuary Choir

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life, leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and staff will comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever.

- from Psalm 23

#### **Remembering Our Past**

#### **Prayers of the People**

### 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.

#### +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. Lindsay Lowe

by Allen Pote

Stan Yonce

Alex Lockridge

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## Sending

+The Peace	Paul Sims			
1 0	f the risen Christ be with you. • <b>with you.</b>			
Anu uist	, wun you.			
+Hymn 640	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	SHOWALTER		
+Commission and I	Alex Lockridge			
As you go, remember that you have been claimed by Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who came that we may have abundant life. And day by day, may you receive God's goodness and mercy, so that your life will overflow with God's generosity. <b>Amen.</b>				
Organ Postlude	If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee	setting by Robert Powell		
+all who are able may stand				
leading in worship today Rev. Jeremiah Banks				

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura **Church Accompanist** 

Rev. Alex Lockridge Senior Pastor

Mrs. Lindsay Lowe Deacon

Rev. Paul Sims Minister of Music and Worship

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of Marie Leake and in commemoration of her April 29th birthday by Daniel, Lindsay, Jackson, Harrison, and Emerson Lowe Kevin and Sherry Pace

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