First Baptist Church at Worship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

### Gathering

**Organ Voluntary** 

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

setting by R. Warner

Alex Lockridge

Jeremiah Banks

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days.

- Henry Francis Lyte (alt.)

#### Greeting and Call to Worship

Some have worshiped unknown gods, in temples made with human hands. **We worship the living God, the Maker of heaven and earth.** Some have searched the whole world to find direction in their lives. **We worship the One who is here, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.** 

+Hymn 315 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

+Prayer of Confession

#### +Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, we are not left to struggle alone. We have an advocate who is always with us, so do not be afraid to hope and to share that hope with others. Believe the good news of the Gospel:

+Response MIT FREUDEN ZART

- Johann Jakob Schütz

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

# Proclaiming

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 17:22-31

A Moment for Children

Psalm 66

O bless the Lord; come, all rejoice! Let songs of praise resound! For in the midst of our distress, God's presence can be found. The rule of ancient law required burnt offerings for my part; A nobler sacrifice is mine, I offer God my heart. O would that all, in every place, knew God as I have known; God shares my joy, and in my grief will leave me not alone. Bless God, all you who would the lies of sinful lips disprove; With truth God shall sustain your way, your life with steadfast love.

- Michael Morgan

### The Easter Gospel

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

+Hymn 364 I Love Thee I LOVE THEE "To an Unknown God" Alex Lockridge

# Responding

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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 May will support the mission projects of our Vacation Bible School.

**Jeremiah Banks** 

Alex Lockridge

LAND OF REST

**Katie Bales** 

- John 14:15-21

ST. DENIO

Lindsay Lowe

Sermon

+Hymn 58

Offertory

arr. Anna Laura Page

...let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe...

**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

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.

# Sending

Blest Be the Tie

Jeremiah Banks

The peace of the risen Christ be with you. And also with you.

+Hymn 267

+Commission and Blessing

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge and Jeremiah Banks

Go from this place to proclaim that God made the world and everything in it, for in God we live and move and have our being. And may God greet your prayers with constant love, may Christ Jesus give you life which is the only life, and may the Spirit of truth abide with you always. **Amen.** 

**Organ Postlude** 

### In Christ There Is No East or West

setting by Dale Wood

... all children of the living God are surely kin to me ...

- John Oxenham

+all who are able may stand

Darrell Tremaine

Alex Lockridge

**OLD HUNDREDTH** 

DENNIS

leading in worship today Katie Bales reader

Rev. Jeremiah Banks Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

> Carolyn Garr choral director

Samuel Garr accompanist

Rev. Alex Lockridge Senior Pastor

> Lindsay Lowe Deacon

Darrell Tremaine reader

### The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of Marie Leake <sup>by</sup> Linda Leake Wilson

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