First Baptist Church at Worship The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Organ Voluntary

The Master Hath Called Us

setting by Mary McDonald

... and calls us to follow.

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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The Holy Lord calls us to witness to God's divine splendor.

God touches our lips, and with our voices we praise God.

God, who is uplifted, stoops to hear us, cleansing our guilt and forgiving our sin.

We are here in response to God's calling. Let us worship God.

Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

*NICAEA

Confession of Sin Paul Sims

Merciful God, You call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to You, thwarting even our best efforts. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter and restore our sense of Your priorities. Focus us on Your call to worship and to service as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ.

Act of Praise NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above: Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin! How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

- Native American hymn

Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children

Ieremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 6:1-8

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 138 **NICAEA**



I give thanks, O Lord, with all my heart; before all gods I sing Your praise.

I bow down before Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name, for Your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for You have exalted Your name and Your word above everything.

On the day I called, You answered me; You increased the strength of my soul.

You, O Lord, will fulfill Your purpose for me; Your steadfast love endures forever. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

- Luke 5:1-11

"Are You Called?" Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Give Thanks to God

Hymn 476

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

AURELIA

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.

The Communion of the People

Hymn 488

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

*BEACH SPRING

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

Alice Tremaine

Offertory

Footsteps of Jesus

*FOOTSTEPS

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling, "Come, follow Me!"

And we see where Thy footprints falling, lead us to Thee. REFRAIN

Though they lead o'er the cold, dark mountains, seeking his sheep,

Or along by Siloam's fountains, helping the weak. REFRAIN

If they lead through the temple holy, preaching the word,

Or in homes of the poor and lowly, serving the Lord. REFRAIN

Then at last when on high he sees us, our journey done,

We will rest where the steps of Jesus end at his throne. REFRAIN

REFRAIN Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;

We will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go.

- Mary B. C. Slade

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 Jeremiah Banks

Go now, and forsaking everything else, follow Christ.

By the grace of God, be all that you have been called to be,

and cast wide the net of God's love.

Remind one another of the good news, and hold firmly to the faith that is saving you.

And may God give you a vision of glory, may Christ Jesus touch you with the fire of mercy, and may the Holy Spirit renew your strength. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude

Variations on ASH GROVE

by Christine Schulz

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of

Frankie Sasser

for her February 8th birthday

by

Bob, Kim, Rachel, and Rob Croley

Janne Beam

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*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III