First Baptist Church at Worship

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

setting by Don Shannon

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

- Charles Wesley

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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We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Christ is the head of the body, the church.

Through Christ, God reconciles everything by making peace through the blood of the cross.

Christ's name be praised!

+Hymn 215

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*DARWALL

+Confession of Sin Paul Sims

Lord God, through Christ You have reconciled all things to Yourself by making peace through the blood of the cross. Yet we confess that we are easily distracted from the hope promised by Your gospel, Your glory once hidden and now revealed in Christ. We run to and fro, we work and worry, seeking security in wealth and riches, and soon find ourselves depleted rather than enriched. Forgive us, O God, and let not Your Word go unheeded. Give us hearts to receive all that You say, and make us eager to do all that You ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

+Act of Praise TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he hath done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

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

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Psalm 15 setting by Hal Hopson



Lord, who may abide in Your temple? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

Those who walk in righteousness; those who speak truth from their heart;

Those whose lips are free from malice; those who never wrong a friend;

Those who do not rejoice over another's misfortune; those who stand by an oath at any cost;

Those who are not bribed for the rights of the innocent; those who lend money to the poor without gain;

Those who despise corruption and evil; those who honor the faithful who love the Lord. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge

Luke 10:38-42

+Hymn

Lord, Grant Us Grace to Know the Time

*LAND OF REST

Lord, grant us grace to know the time of action or of prayer,
Which hour to crowd with waiting work and which with You to share.
Your Word alone gives needed power to strengthen weary hands
And helps us see in each new day the way of Your commands.
We seek Your Word, as Mary sought; we wait in quietness,
And yet we ask for strength to serve with Martha's faithfulness.
We thank You, Lord, for quiet time to cast our care on You
And for Your Word that follows us when there is work to do.

- Herman Stumpfle, Jr.

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Ieremiah Banks

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. Christ himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to the saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

- Colossians 1:15-20

Sermon

"Experiencing Community"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 5

Come, Great God of All the Ages

*ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in July will benefit our Vacation Bible School mission project.

Offertory Anthem

Thou Art Worthy

setting by Jack Schrader

The Summer Choir Donna Davis, accompanist

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created; Thou hast created all things;
And for Thy pleasure they are created, for Thou art worthy, O Lord.

- Pauline M. Mills

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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.

Sending

+The Peace Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 241 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

Go from this place, giving thanks always and trusting in God's love.

Do not be worried or distracted,

and do not lose sight of the hope promised in the gospel.

And may God establish you securely in the faith,

may Christ Jesus make you holy and blameless before God,
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on DARWALL

by Anna Laura Page

+all who are able may stand

Carolyn and Ed Garr, cantors

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Carl and Evelyn Brasher

by

Kent, Donna, and family

Stan, Patti, and family

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and soloorgan 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

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