

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 13, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

A Summer in Rome

Gathering

Piano Prelude

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Samuel Garr, Pianist

arr. by Bill Wolaver

Greeting and Call to Worship

Jeremiah Banks

*After the wind, the earthquake, the fire,
Let us hear what the Lord will speak.
Jesus says: Take heart, it is I; do not fear.
Rejoice, the Word of God is near!
Let us worship God.*

+Hymn of Praise

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ST. CATHERINE

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.
O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.
O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult ease, and give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.
O Trinity of love and power, Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

+Prayer of the day

Alice Tremaine

*Through the storms of life, O God, you are with your people in the person of Jesus your Son.
Calm our fears and strengthen our faith that we may never doubt his presence among us but
proclaim that he is your son, risen from the dead, living forever and ever. Amen.*

+The Peace

Jeremiah Banks

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response

STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Carolyn Garr

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? “**The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart**” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “**No one who believes in him will be put to shame.**” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. **For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “**How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!**”

-Romans 10:5-15

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 55

Give to the Winds Your Fear

FESTAL SONG

A Reading from the Gospels

Lucas Tremaine

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

“Hello from the Other Side”

Alice Tremaine

Responding

+Hymn 400

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

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

Sandi Curd

Loose change received in August will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program.

Offertory

There's a Land That Is Fairer Than Day

arr. by John Carter

Prayers of the People

Jeremiah Banks

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

+Hymn 357

O Praise the Gracious Power

MARION

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alice Tremaine

*Go now and live in the righteousness that comes from faith.
Proclaim the good news of Christ so that all may hear and believe and be saved.*

*And may the power of the presence of God be with you.
May Christ's word be near you, on your lips and in your heart.
And may the Holy Spirit give you courage and calm all your fears. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Intrada on Two Hymn Tunes

setting by Alice Jordan

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Dr. Sandi Curd
Deacon

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alice Tremaine
Preacher

Lucas Tremaine
reader

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of my parents,
Cecil and T.P. Harris
and my husband,
Damon Hodges
by
Peggy Harris Hodges*

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

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