

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 6, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

A Summer in Rome

Gathering

Organ Voluntary *How Great Thou Art* arr. by Albin C. Whitlock

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

*The Lord is merciful and compassionate,
Very patient, and full of faithful love.*

***The Lord is good to everyone and everything;
God's compassion extends to all God's handiwork!***

*All that you have made gives thanks to you, Lord;
All your faithful ones bless you!*

***Come, let us worship our God,
Whose faithfulness endures forever.***

+Hymn 319 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

+Prayer of Confession Jeremiah Banks

*...Teach us to follow and obey you, that we may receive your gifts and share
them gladly, and so be satisfied with the life you intended for us. Amen.*

+Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+Response CWM RHONDDA

***Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou are mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious dears subside:
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.***

-Nicolaus Decius

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Carolyn Garr

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

-Romans 9:1-5

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 299

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

OLD 134TH

stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 5

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Winchester

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

“Why Not Me?”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 35

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

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 thanks and praise.

(the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

... As we come to your table, bless us, and these gifts of bread and wine, that in them – and in us, your saving power may be proclaimed until you come again. Amen.

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. by Jim Lucas

In Remembrance

arr. by Donna Williams

Jesus Paid It All

arr. by Eloise Hynes

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 631

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

DONNA

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

Donna Davis

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

Offertory Anthem

Assurance

arr. by John Ness Beck

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

+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 640

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go today full of God's love and ready to notice God in your neighbors' hungers.
Go today at rest in God and ready to struggle in loving service for your neighbors.
And may you find the face of God in the hungry, feeding, wrestling, and resting. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

setting by Anna Laura Page

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.*

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Paul Winchester
Deacon

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Bo Pace
in commemoration of his July 28th birthday
by
Janet 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

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