

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

*Chorale Prelude on ST. ANNE**

by Healy Willan

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

- Isaac Watts

Greeting and Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*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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“Come now, let us argue it out,” says the Lord.

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow.”

What does the Lord ask us as we approach?

*To learn to do what is good, to seek justice, to correct the oppressor,
to defend the rights of the orphan, and to plead the widow's cause.*

Let us offer willing and obedient hearts to the Lord!

+Hymn 52

O Worship the King

*LYONS

+Confession of Sin

Jeremiah Banks

*Holy God, whom the prophets have said will not endure solemn assemblies with iniquity,
we have surely wearied You with the outward forms of empty worship, while our hands
and hearts have remained unclean. We have failed to do justice, to defend the oppressed,
and to plead the cause of the bereft and the lonely. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us
thoroughly. Let nothing that we have done offend Your eyes, and let no evil inclinations
remain rooted in our hearts.*

***Make us willing and obedient to Your Word and Spirit, that we, and all Your children,
may enjoy the bounty of Your heavenly provision.***

Response

RAIN DOWN

Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love on Your peo -

ple. Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love, God of life. _____

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

*God's mercy falls on the just and the right. Full of God's love is the earth. **REFRAIN***

God of creation, we long for Your truth; You are the water of life that we thirst.

*Grant that Your love and Your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in You. **REFRAIN***

- Jaime Cortez

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

First Reading – Isaiah 1:1, 10-17

Paul Sims

Psalm 33

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Our soul waits for the Lord; God is our help and shield.

Our hearts are glad in the Lord, because we trust in his holy name.

Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Response

RAIN DOWN

Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love, God of life. _____

Second Reading – Isaiah 1:18-20

Jeremiah Banks

Hymn 493

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

Sermon

“Come Now, Let Us Argue It Out”

Jeremiah Banks

Responding

+Hymn

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

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.

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.
Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
In death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.
Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
Transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

- David Gambrell

Offertory Prayer

Elizabeth Reese

Loose change received in August will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program, which delivers food-filled backpacks to students in Corbin Independent schools and schools in Knox and Whitley counties.

Offertory Anthem

Come, Thou Fount

setting by James Cram

The Summer Choir
Samuel Garr, accompanist

*Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise:
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it – mount of Thy redeeming love.
Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home:
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.*

- Robert Robinson

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

+The Peace

Paul Sims

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+Hymn 586

Grace Greater than Our Sin

MOODY

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Paul Sims

*As you go from this place, go forth in faith, knowing that God created you for a purpose.
And may the peace of God be your constant companion, this day and every day. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Partita on ST. ANNE

by David Lasky

III. Trumpet Tune V. Toccata

+all who are able may stand

Nick Hibbard, cantor

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