

First Baptist Church at Worship

July 16, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

A Summer in Rome

Gathering

Organ Voluntary *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. by Morgan/Majors
*Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

*Accept our offering of praise, O God.
God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us life according to your word.
Your word is the joy of our hearts.
God hears us and holds us in this time of worship.*

+Gathering Hymn *O God in Whom All Life Begins* CLONMEL

*O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
Bestow Your blessing on our lives; here let Your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
Deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.
Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
That we may have the grace to seek the power Your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify Your name
That in all things by word and deed we may Your love proclaim.
Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;
So bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray,
Then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.*

+Prayer of Confession Alex Lockridge

...Rain your mercy upon us, shine your warmth and light into every dark place, and bring forth in us not the harvest we deserve but the harvest that in your glorious love you have destined for us. Through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

+The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response

LINSTEAD

*All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;
Come, you heavens and powers that be, praise the Lord and His majesty:
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, all you works of God, bless the Lord!
Sing, you sun and you moon above, stars of heaven, now sing His love;
Dew and showers, you winds that blow, heat and fire, and you ice and snow:
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, all you works of God, bless the Lord!
Come, humanity, sing along, sing, you people of God, a song,
All His servants, your Lord now bless, join you spirits and souls at rest:
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, all you works of God, bless the Lord!*

David Garr, woodblock/Edward Garr, tambourine

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Carolyn Garr

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

-Romans 8:1-11

A Moment for Children

Hannah Reeder

+Hymn 424 *At the Name of Jesus* BARBARA

A Reading from the Gospels Lisa Harrison
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon "Skin Deep Faith" Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 493 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* ADELAIDE

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 Wes Tipton

Loose change received in July will benefit the Central Baptist Church clothing ministry.

Offertory *I Sing Because Medley* arr. by Speck/Goss/Zaloudik
Ed Garr, Soloist

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

+Hymn 519 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* ASH GROVE

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go now into the world in the light of Christ.
Do not let the fear of troubles or the lures of comfort and honor
prevent God's word taking root deep in your heart and mind.
And may God sow in you the seeds of an abundant harvest;
May Christ the Word be a lamp for your steps;
And may the Holy Spirit give life to you - body and soul. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Toccata in G Major

setting by Colin Walsh

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Lisa Harrison
Deacon

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Hannah Reeder
Student.Church Intern

Wes Tipton
Deacon

*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 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