

# First Baptist Church at Worship

July 2, 2023  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## A Summer in Rome

### Gathering

Prelude *Battle Hymn of the Republic* arr. by Keith Snell

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

*Give to the Lord, for God is good.  
God's steadfast love endures forever.  
Welcome one another in Jesus' name,  
for Christ is truly present among us.  
Let us worship God.*

+Gathering Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* ST. DENIO

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.  
When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.  
The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"*

+Prayer of the day Hannah Reeder

*Ruler of the universe, you call us to radical loyalty beyond all earthly claim. Grant us strength to offer ourselves to you as people who have been raised from death to life through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

+The Peace

Jeremiah Banks

*The peace of the Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

Response

setting by Hal Hopson



*My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;*

*Your faithful ways will I proclaim, and every age shall know Your name.*

*Come, every voice, sing out your song: **REFRAIN***

*Almighty God, Your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone;*

*And shining bright before Your face are truth and love and boundless grace.*

*Come, every voice, sing out your song: **REFRAIN***

- The Psalter, 1912

## Proclaiming

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Alex Lockridge

Romans 6:12-23

A Moment for Children

Lindsay Lowe

+Hymn 657

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

GERMANY

A Reading from the Gospels

Jackson Lowe

Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon

Jeremiah Banks

“Those Who Have Been Brought from Death to Life”

## Responding

+Hymn of Response

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

AURELIA

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;*

*Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;*

*I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,*

*Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:*

*I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.*

*My foes are ever near me, around me and within.*

*But, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.* (Continued on page 3)

*O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.  
O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.*

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

Ed Garr

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

Offertory

*Love Lifted Me*

arr. by W.J. Reynolds

Remembering Our Past

Alex Lockridge

Prayers of the People

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 490

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Present yourselves to God to be put to work in the service of righteousness.  
And may God provide for you in mercy;  
May Christ Jesus greet you as you welcome the stranger;  
And may the Holy Spirit lead you in the ways of abundant and eternal life. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Fantasy on How Firm a Foundation*

arr. by Ed Steele

+all who are able may stand

*leading in worship today*

Rev. Jeremiah Banks

Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Carolyn Garr

Interim Music Director

David Garr

trumpetist

Ed Garr

retired minister

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura

Accompanist

Rev. Alex Lockridge

Senior Pastor

Jackson Lowe

reader

Lindsay Lowe

Deacon

Hannah Reeder

Student.Church Intern

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*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of*

Jerry Poynter

*by*

*Billie Jean Poynter 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