

# First Baptist Church at Worship

July 9, 2023  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## A Summer in Rome

### Gathering

Piano Voluntary      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing with*      arr. by Carol Tornquist  
*Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises*

Greeting and Call to Worship      Jeremiah Banks

*Jesus says: Come to me, and I will give you rest.*

***The Lord is gracious and merciful, full of compassion, abounding in love.***

*Jesus says: My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

***The Lord supports those who are weak and lifts those who are falling.***

*Let us worship God.*

+Hymn 246      *The Church's One Foundation*      \*AURELIA  
stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5

+Affirmation of Faith      Jackson Lowe

*Let us say what we believe:*

***When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit God poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.***

- from Titus 3

The Baptism of Harrison Lowe      Alex Lockridge

Prayer of the day      Carolyn Garr

*O God, our Savior and Friend, into the waters of baptism you lead us. There, you call us to lay down our burdens and find rest in a relationship with you. Being raised to the newness of life, help us to learn from you how to be gentle and humble of heart, that our burdens may be light. Amen.*

+The Peace

Jeremiah Banks

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

+Response

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

*Come, bring your burdens to God...  
For Jesus will never say no.*

## Proclaiming

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Hannah Reeder

Romans 7:15-25a

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn of Dedication *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

ST. CATHERINE

*Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.  
O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;  
O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.  
O Love, how gracious is thy wave! All fear before thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.*

A Reading from the Gospels

Sherry Pace

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

"Why Am I This Way?"

Alex Lockridge

## Responding

+Hymn 474

*Softly and Tenderly*

THOMPSON

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

Daniel Lowe

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

Offertory *Oh, How I Love Jesus* arr. by Garr/Hibbard

Prayers of the People *Scarlette Jasper*

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

+Sending Hymn *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!  
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.*

+Commission and Blessing *Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge*

*Go now at the call of Christ, and take his yoke upon you.  
And may God greatly bless you;  
May Christ Jesus reveal the fullness of God to you;  
And may the Holy Spirit lift your burdens and give you rest. Amen.*

Organ Postlude *The Church's One Foundation* setting by John Innes

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.*

+all who are able may stand

*leading in worship today*

Rev. Jeremiah Banks  
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura  
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr  
Interim Music Director

Edward Garr  
percussionist

Nick Hibbard  
cantor

Rev. Scarlette Jasper  
CBF Field Personnel

Rev. Alex Lockridge  
Senior Pastor

Daniel Lowe  
Deacon

Jackson Lowe  
reader

Sherry Pace  
Deacon

Hannah Reeder  
Student.Church Intern

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of  
Curt Burgan and Pauline Burgan and Debbie Gambrel  
by  
Malcolm and Sharon 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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