

First Baptist Church at Worship

June 11, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

A Summer in Rome

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

God of Grace and God of Glory

setting by Paul Manz

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

This church is a haven for those stressed by tensions or oppressed by dark fears,

Those who seek a place of peace and light.

This church is a temple for those who are full of gratitude for life's joys,

Those who seek a place where they can express thanks with kindred spirits.

This church is a house of hospitality for those whose faith is small and frail,

Those who want it to grow towards the fullness of the faith of Jesus.

This church is a holy place hallowed by the Spirit and dedicated by the common people,

Those who have come with prayer and praise to the glory of God.

+Gathering Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ITALIAN HYMN

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;

As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

+Prayer of the Day

Carolyn Garr

...and uncap those deep springs from which true love overflows into worship.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

+The Peace

Jeremiah Banks

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response

ITALIAN HYMN

To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore;

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches
Romans 4:13-25

Hannah Reeder

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 295

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

A Reading from the Gospels

Janie Akins

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

-Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sermon

"Hoping Against Hope"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 590

The Solid Rock

SOLID ROCK

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

Lisa Harrison

Loose change received in June will benefit Extreme Build, a ministry of CBF Kentucky.

Offertory Anthem

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. by Doug Andrews

*Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be!*

Brandon Wood, soloist

Remembering Our Past

Alice Tremaine

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

+Sending Hymn

When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified

SINE NOMINE

*When, in our music, God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is though the whole creation cried Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia! Alleluia!*

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go now, at the call of God and follow wherever the Lord leads you.
Love truth and justice, and share the healing mercy of God with all.*

And may God bless you and make you a blessing to others;

May Christ Jesus take you by the hand and lift you to life;

And may the Holy Spirit nourish you in hope, this day and every day. Amen.

Organ Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

setting by John W. Burson

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Janie Akins

reader

Rev. Jeremiah Banks

Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Carolyn Garr

choral director

Samuel Garr

accompanist

Lisa Harrison

Deacon

Rev. Alex Lockridge

Senior Pastor

Hannah Reeder

Student Church Intern

Rev. Alice Tremaine

Deacon

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The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

DAVE HUFF

in commemoration of his 90th birthday

by

Pat Huff and family

And in memory of

TOM DAVIS

in commemoration of our 53rd wedding anniversary on June 6th

by

Donna Davis

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