

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 17, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

A Summer in Rome

Gathering

Greeting Alex Lockridge

Choral Prelude *Down to the River to Pray* by Lloyd Larson
Summer Walter & Ed Garr, soloists

Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

*Christ Jesus is Lord of the dead and the living.
Whether we live or die, we belong to God.
Here we stand before the Lord of all life.
Let every knee bow and every tongue sing praise.
Let us worship God.*

+Hymn 282 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

+Prayer of Confession Jeremiah Banks

...You are willing to forgive again and again, but we are unwilling to forgive the debts of others. Forgive us; liberate us! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+The Peace Carolyn Garr

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

Response *We Fall Down* by Nicole Nordeman
Duet, Alice Tremaine and Maria Lockridge
Todd Tremaine, guitar

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Helen Diehl

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. **If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.** For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

-Romans 14:1-12

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 265

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SENOR

Ed Garr, cantor

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

"We Are the Lord's"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 694

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

MORNING SONG

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

Buddy Butler

Loose change received in September will benefit the Corbin Independent Schools Family Resource and Youth Services Centers, which provide a multitude of services to assist students and families in our community.

Offertory Anthem

Because He Lives

arr. by Jack Schrader

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone.*

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 223

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go now into the world and live for Christ.
Show forgiveness to one another as in Christ you have received forgiveness.*

*And may God provide an escape from all that threatens you;
May Christ Jesus shower mercy on you and through you;
And may the Holy Spirit uphold you as you stand in Christ. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

by Herklots/Murphy

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.*

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Buddy Butler
prayer

Donna Davis
Organist

Helen Diehl
reader

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of Mom and Dad,
Mildred and Harold Adkins
by
Johnny and Kim Bolton*

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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