

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 3, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

A Summer in Rome

Gathering

Greeting

Jeremiah Banks

Prelude

Here for You

arr. by Jay Rouse

Nick Hibbard, Saxophone

Call to Worship

Jeremiah Banks

Come! Let us sow the seeds of our prayers and songs into the fertile soil of God's Presence.

Let life crack open our hearts, and give birth to renewed spirits.

Let all that brings death be consumed in the passionate flame of our worship.

And let the resurrection power of our God be expressed and made visible in the shared intimacy of Christ's Table.

+Hymn 58

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

+Prayer of Confession

Alex Lockridge

...We do not merit your confidence. Merciful God, forgive our fear and faithlessness. Help us to see what you see, to follow where you go, and to live in awe at your presence, which is our help and encouragement.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+Response

LANCASHIRE

*Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing, or roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where're Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.*

-Ernest W. Shurtleff

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Carolyn Garr

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. **Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.** Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. **If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

-Romans 12:9-21

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 267

Blest Be the Tie

DENNIS

A Reading from the Gospels

Elizabeth Reese

Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

“The Peaceable Life”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 290

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

O WALLY, WALLY

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

(the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

...for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. Amen.

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

Because He Lives

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. by Phillip Keveren

arr. by John Carter

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 491

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

FALLS CREEK

stanza 2: high voices

stanza 3: low voices

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

Cari Calico

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

On Eagle's Wings

arr. by D.E. Wagner

And he will lift you up on eagle's wings...

+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 256

We Are People of God's Peace

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

stanzas 1 & 3

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

Go now and follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

Rejoice in hope, hold fast to what is good, persevere in prayer.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

As far as is possible, live peaceably with all.

And may the presence of God be with you always, nourishing you in love and hope. Amen.

Organ Postlude

The Solid Rock

setting by A.L. Page

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Cari Calico
prayer

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Elizabeth Reese
Deacon

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Floyd Curd and Barbara Curd,
Don Benton and June Delph Curd
by
Bryan and Sandi Curd*

*And in memory of
Gayle Majors
by
Phil Majors, Jamie M. Spencer,
and Megan Majors-Jackson*

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