

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Trumpet Voluntary

O Worship the King

setting by Hermon Warford

David Garr, trumpet
Carolyn Garr, piano

*O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

- Robert Grant

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*

And also with you.

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Come, O God, and fill this space.

Come, Lord Jesus, and lead the way.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts.

Teach us to worship the living God.

+Hymn 563

In Unity We Lift Our Song

EIN' FESTE BURG

+Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

***Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love.
You claim us as Your own people, but we forsake Your holy covenant. You offer
us the gift of prayer, but we fail to lift our hearts to You. Forgive us, God of
grace. Help us to live our lives in Christ, rooted and grounded in our faith and
growing each day in Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

+Response

FINLANDIA

The congregation is invited to sing hymn 680: *I Then Shall Live*

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Psalm 1

setting by Hal Hopson



Hap - py are they who de - light, _____ who de - light in the law of God.

*Happy indeed are they who refuse the way of evil,
nor walk the road of sinners, nor join the mockers of God. **REFRAIN**
Joy shall be in the hearts of those who delight in the law of God,
for they recite the law, they speak it day and night. **REFRAIN**
They are like green trees that grow by clear flowing waters,
they bear their fruit in due season, their leaves fade not, they prosper. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Gospels

Kaitlyn Lunsford

Luke 11:1-13

+Hymn 409

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*CONVERSE

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Paul Sims

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

- Colossians 2:6-19

Sermon

“Sustaining Community”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

AZMON

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.

***“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!
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.***

- Rosamond E. Herklots

Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in July will benefit our Vacation Bible School mission project.

Offertory Anthem

Christ the Way of Life Possess Me

by K. Lee Scott

The Summer Choir

*Christ the Way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise;
Guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days, all my days.
Well of life, forever flowing, make my barren soul and bear
Like a watered garden growing fresh and fair, fresh and fair.
May the Tree of life in splendor from its leafy boughs impart
Grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart, strength of heart.
Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past,
Sorrow, self, and sin resigning, home at last, home at last.*

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

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

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

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

+Sending Song

We Will Walk with God

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God. We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God. We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.'

Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go now to live your lives in Christ, rooted and growing in him,
full of thanksgiving and praying as he taught us.
And may God give good gifts in answer to your prayers,
may Christ Jesus establish you in the faith,
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on LYONS

by Neil Harmon

+all who are able may stand

Lorin Leake, cantor

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given
in commemoration of the July 21st birthday of
Michelle Litteral Brock
by
Anna Litteral 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