

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

setting by J. S. Bach

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

- Martin Rinkart

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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*Our gracious and merciful God pours out abundant blessings on us.
**Holy is Your name, O God. Receive our worship today
as we offer the prayers of our hearts and the songs of our lips,
for we are Your grateful children.***

+Hymn 341

For the Beauty of the Earth

*DIX

+Confession of Sin

Jeremiah Banks

*Compassionate Christ, You send us to cure the sick,
but we blame the sick for their choices.*

*You ask us to restore the unclean,
but we separate them into high risk pools.*

*You compel us to raise the dead,
but we insist some are beyond help.*

*In Your patient and persistent mercy,
forgive us, O Lord.*

Teach us to heal without condition and to help without limitation.

***Enable us to love one another as You love us,
that as recipients of unmerited grace,
we may freely shower care upon all Your people.***

Act of Praise

I Will Sing Praise

by M. S. Barnhouse, III

The Sanctuary Choir

I will sing my praise to the Lord and glory in his righteousness.

He alone is worthy of praise. I call on him each day

To meet my needs and give me strength, to light my way and guide each step I take.

I will sing my praise to the Lord and magnify his name.

Let us sing our thanks to the Lord and give his name the glory.

He alone is worthy of thanks. He showers us with love,

To meet our needs and give us strength, to light our way and guide each step we take.

Let us sing our praise to the Lord and magnify his name.

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

- Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 111

setting by Hal Hopson

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!

Great are Your works, O Lord; those who explain them find Your delight.

Glorious and majestic are Your deeds;

*Your goodness and mercy will last forever. **REFRAIN***

You sustain those who are faithful; You always remember Your covenant promises.

You have shown Your people what Your strength can do;

*You have given us the heritage of the nations. **REFRAIN***

You have sent redemption to Your people; You have established Your covenant forever.

The fear of You, O Lord, is the beginning of wisdom;

*Wise are those who live by it. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Gospels
Luke 17:11-19

Paul Sims

Response *Banned and Banished by Their Neighbors*

BEACH SPRING

*Banned and banished by their neighbors, full of sores, accused of sin,
Scorned and scarred, the ten were calling, warning all, "Unclean, unclean!"
Jesus met them with compassion, heard their cry, "Have mercy, Lord!"
Cleansed their flesh and turned them homeward with his saving, healing word.
Still, O Christ, we bring before You ills of body, mind, and soul.
Speak again Your word of healing; cleanse, renew and make us whole!
Then, redeemed, restored, forgiven, Lord, this other gift impart:
For the mercy You have shown us, grant us each a grateful heart.*

- Herbert Stuempfle

Sermon "Seek the Welfare of the City"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 662

The Mission God Has Given

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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

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in October will benefit First Baptist Church's Shoebox Ministry to children in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky, distributed through Olive Branch Ministries.

Piano Offertory

Because He Lives

setting by Phillip Keveren

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future, my life is worth the living just because he lives.*

- Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither

Remembering Our Past

Cindy Finneseth

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

Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 267

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

Go from this place to live fruitfully where God has placed you.

Strive for the welfare of those who live among you,

and pray for this fellowship of kindred minds.

And may God open the pathways before you,

may Christ Jesus cleanse you and make you whole,

and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

setting by Mary McDonald

We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise,

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

- Katherine K. Davis

Yukiko Fujimura, guest pianist

+all who are able may stand

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Carrie and Bobby Goins

by

Kathy Goins, John Goins, and Scott Goins

and

in memory of my husband

Ed Black

and my son

Denny Black

by

Joan Black

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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