

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gather in God's Name

Organ Voluntary

*Prelude on BROTHER JAMES' AIR**

setting by Searle Wright

*My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*

- Scottish Psalter of 1650

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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*Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain –
the pain of losing something precious.*

*Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy –
the joy of finding what was lost.*

*We gather to hear Jesus speak words of truth,
words of power, words of love.*

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 607

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

*HYFRYDOL

+Confession of Sin

Jeremiah Banks

***Create in us clean hearts, O God, cast out any transgressions You find there –
ransack, renovate, redecorate! Deep in our hearts, remove fearful features and
restore Your original design. Make Your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and
teach us wisdom, so that the hearts you transform may rejoice. Amen.***

Response

A Willing Heart

by Tom Fettke

The Summer Choir

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

May Your Spirit and presence be near me.

And restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,

And uphold me with Your gracious Spirit.

- from Psalm 51

Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Alex Lockridge

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance – **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

- I Timothy 1:12-17

+Hymn 589

At Calvary

CALVARY

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

“This Fellow Welcomes Sinners”

Alex Lockridge

Give Thanks to God

+Hymn 466

Jesus, at Your Holy Table

*BEACH SPRING

Invitation to the Table

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

You may remain seated until time for your row to come to the table. Come forward by way of a center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of the bread and wine. Please return to your pew by way of a window aisle and be seated. Individually packaged cups are available for those who prefer them.

music during communion:

The Bread and the Wine Are Here

by Daniel Charles Damon

Two staves of musical notation in G major and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Come in; sit down; there's room at the ta - ble; en -". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "joy the feast love has spread — for you." The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

1. I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon-na
eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia. I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come
ta - ble; I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia.

- 2. *I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus....*
- 3. *I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers....*
- 4. *Here all the world will find a welcome....*

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

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

+Hymn

God's Great Love Is So Amazing

NETTLETON

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.

***God's great love is so amazing! See – a shepherd with his flocks!
Ninety-nine are safely grazing; one is lost among the rocks.
That good shepherd goes and searches till he finds the one astray.
So God says to fill our churches with the ones who've lost their way.
God in love is always seeking! See – a woman with her broom!
For a single coin she's sweeping every corner of the room.
When it's found she calls each neighbor, telling friends from all around.
So God says to search and labor till God's precious ones are found.***

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in September will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden,
which provides fresh vegetables to the patrons of our Food Pantry.

Piano Offertory

Amazing Grace

setting by Mark Patterson

Remembering Our Past

Ruth Bradley

+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.***

Go in God's Name

Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go from this place overflowing with God's love and grace.
Seek out those who are lost, side with the poor, and sit with the just.
Rejoice with heaven over anyone who turns to God.
And may God judge you faithful,
may Christ Jesus give you strength,
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on HYFRYDOL

by Anna Laura Page

+all who are able may stand

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We are pleased to welcome Yukiko Fugimura as our guest musician. Dr. Fugimura, a native of Knagawa, Japan, is Assistant Professor of Music at Union College. She is on the Board of Directors of Kentucky Music Teachers Association, serving as president-elect. Prior to coming to Union, Yukiko taught at Joliet (IL) Junior College and Concordia University Chicago. She holds degrees from University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and Ball State University, and is in demand as a recitalist and concert musician. While in Chicago, Yukiko served in United Church of Christ and United Methodist congregations.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Edmond and Edith Wyatt

Ray Tipton

by

Joyce Tipton

Wes and Lynn Tipton

Sarah, Seth, Wyatt, and Ella Marie Reeves

Wesley Tipton

Jeff and Debbie Tipton

Lauren and Vance Rose

Kim, Steve, Michael Ray, Hannah, and Jeffery Morton

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