

EVENTS FOR "CHURCH AND COMMUNITY--Please send to the Church office fbithaca@gmail.com

HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and BIBLES are available from the ushers. There is a wheel chair on the South side of the sanctuary for those who need it and an accessible washroom. Please share your comments with us on their usefulness to you.

THE NURSERY is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers during the entire service. (Care Provided by Carol Fleming).

A SUPERVISED CHILDREN'S TABLE is available for younger children during the service. Parents are requested to use their judgment as to a child's ability to engage in quiet activities. Parents with children at the table during worship are encouraged to sit in the section closest to it to allow children to check in with them as needed. Thank you.

This week at First Baptist:

Sun Aug 14	10:00 am	Worship
Mon Aug 15	5:00 am	NCS Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Christian Concern Team
Thur Aug 18	8:30 am	Meditation
	10:00 am	Friendship Center Lunches, Group 2
Sat Aug 20	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Prayers
Sun Aug 21	10:00 am	Worship



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First Baptist Church in Ithaca
Worship
August 14, 2022

Invitation to Connect and Center

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Core Values

First Baptist Church in Ithaca is a nurturing and inclusive community. Guided by Jesus' teachings, we strive for social and ecological justice; and embrace the Baptist Tradition of Bible, Soul, Church, and Religious freedoms.

Call to Worship

One: God, we come before you this day as part of the human family.

Many: Inspire us, O God; open our hearts.

One: We come in our diversity to catch your vision of unity.

Many: Inspire us, O God; open our eyes.

One: We come to hear your challenging word of truth.

Many: Inspire us, O God; open our ears.

One: We come to thank you for your gifts of beauty, joy, and hope.

Many: God of love, vision, and truth, we praise your holy name.

*Hymn *Blessed Assurance* #543

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Eternal God, who exists from eternity to eternity, and is not at one time or one place because all times and all places are in you, we stand before you frail and mortal. But blessed are you, O God of the universe, for you have made us in your own image and breathed into us your spirit. From our small space and limited time we dare to lift our spirits beyond all time and space to you, the eternal one, to give praise and thanksgiving. We ask that in this hour of worship you will come and renew within us an energizing sense of your eternal presence. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Creator 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Earth

Special Music *May Peace Be With You* Regi Carpenter

Young Peoples' Time

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Klavierstück 1818* Beethoven

*Doxology #47

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Help us, God, to hear the Christ calling to us through voices of the oppressed, the sick, the imprisoned, those discriminated against because of race, sex, or nationality, and those entangled in the bleak coils of poverty. May we, having heard the call, answer. Send and use us and our gifts in building your kingdom. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* #322

Message *Dancing in the Dark* The Rev. Dr. Rich Barron

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #501

Benediction

Postlude