

**EVENTS FOR "CHURCH AND COMMUNITY"**--Please send to the Church office [fbithaca@gmail.com](mailto: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 Sep 11	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	COVID Conversation
Mon Sep 12	5:00 pm	Christian Concern Team
	6:00 pm	Cabinet Meeting
Tue Sep 13	4:30 pm	Green Team, Library
	5:30 pm	Ithaca Sanctuary Alliance, Evans Room
	7:00 pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus
Wed Sep 14	7:00 pm	Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers
Thur Sep 15	8:30 am	Meditation
	10:00 am	Friendship Center Lunches, Group 2
	6:30 pm	FBC Choir
Sat Sep 17	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Prayers
Sun Sep 18	10:00 am	Worship



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American Baptist Churches ~ Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists  
*Ministers: All members of the Church ~ Rev. Debbie Bennett Reynolds, Pastor*  
*Shella Chace, Office Manager ~ Christopher Morgan Loy, Organist/Pianist ~ Belinda Adams, Choir*  
*Director ~ Laura Ward, Children & Youth Education ~ Carol Fleming, Nursery ~ Sarah Zipfel,*  
*Sunday School Aide ~ David Hopkins, Custodian*  
Rev. David Evans, Pastor Emeritus ~ Alice Damp, Minister of Music Emerita

First Baptist Church in Ithaca  
Worship  
September 11, 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.

\*Hymn *Morning Has Broken* #53

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights! Praise God, sun, and moon; praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command! Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things, and flying birds!

**People: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, . . . young men and women, old and young together! Let all praise the name of God, for God alone is exalted; God's glory is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the Lord!**  
(Psalm 148)

Chant

The streams of my Father's love run daily through me. The streams of my Mother's love run daily through me. From the holy fountain of life to the seed throughout the whole creation.

Paulette Meier

Silent Meditation

The 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.

Presentation of Dean and Jensen Scholarships

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for the Earth

Special Music

*All Good Gifts*  
Soloist, Belinda Adams Accompanist, Christopher M Loy

Young People's Time

Offertory *Cosmic Ruminations* op. 63 #3 C.M. Loy

Scripture Genesis 2: 4-10, 15

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup>then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <sup>10</sup>A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Message Grounded in the Soil From Which We Come Rev. Debbie Bennett Reynolds

\*Hymn *For Beauty of Meadows* #696

Benediction

Postlude

### Briefly at FBCI

**Please** stay for our open conversation about COVID comfort levels. We will begin in good First Baptist democratic fashion with a Congregational Conversation on living with COVID as on-going reality. We want your input about masks or no masks! Most of our sister churches around us in Ithaca, as well as many other places, have gone to Masking Optional. Are we ready to do this? Will it impact your attendance - coming more? coming less? What are the best ways to keep respecting safety concerns? Please be ready to share your thoughts and creative suggestions as we make plans for our life together this fall and winter!

**Save the Date** for the All Church Retreat at Casowasco—November 12 and 13.