

**EVENTS FOR "CHURCH AND COMMUNITY" – Please send to the church office at fbithaca@gmail.com**

**HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and BIBLES** are available from the ushers. For people with mobility issues, there is an accessible restroom, as well as a wheelchair and walker in the cloakroom. Please share your comments with us on their usefulness to you.

**FBC BOTTLE RETURNS FOR THE PARABLE OF TALENTS**

To support FBC recycling efforts and help the environment, FBC members and friends are urged to return deposit cans/bottles to Finger Lakes Beverage Center, 625 West State Street, Ithaca. Use the side of the building to receive 6 ¢ per can or bottle and ask the cashier to add it to First Baptist's account. Each month the church receives a check for the amount returned, which is credited to the Parable of Talents.

**THE NURSERY** is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers during the entire service with care provided by Carol Fleming or Sarah Zipfel.

**SUPERVISED CHILDREN'S TABLE** is available for younger children during the service. Parents are asked to use their judgment as to their child's ability to engage in quiet activities. Parents with children at the table 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**

Sunday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Adult, Children, and Youth Education
Tuesday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Transpose: Ithaca Queer Singers Alliance Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Worship Team
	6:00 p.m.	DCJS Board of Directors
Thursday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Meditation
	10:30 a.m.	Friendship Center Lunch Making
	5:30 p.m.	Ithaca Festival Parade
Saturday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Saturday Evening Prayers
Sunday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Worship

**First Baptist Church, DeWitt Park – 309 North Cayuga Street**

Office Hours Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

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Visit our website at [www.firstbaptistithaca.org](http://www.firstbaptistithaca.org).

**American Baptist Churches ~ Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists**

Ministers—All Members of the Church ~ Rev. Debbie Bennett Reynolds, Pastor

Christopher Morgan Loy, Organist/Pianist ~ Belinda Adams, Choir Director

Janice Nigro, Office Manager ~ David Hopkins, Custodian

Laura Ward, Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator

Carol Fleming, Nursery Care Giver ~ Sarah Zipfel, Sunday School Aide

Alice Damp, Minister of Music Emerita



*First Baptist Church in Ithaca*

*Order of Worship*

*Pentecost Sunday*

*May 28, 2023*

What does the Lord require of you?  
To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

## Invitation to Connect and Center in God's Presence

### Prelude

**Welcome and Announcements:** Congregational Meeting on June 11

### 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 Pentecost

**Opening Chant** "Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit)" Taize Recording

**Scripture** Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

**Congregational Response:** Spirit of God, come to us and among us again! Blow through us with your wind, cleanse us with your fire, empower us to witness to your love to the ends of the earth!

**Choral Anthem** "I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in my Heart" Hogan

### Moment for Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists

### Sharing Joys and Concerns

### Silent Prayers and Pastoral 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.

**\*Hymn** "Wind that Makes All Winds That Blow" #236

### Young People's Time

**Offertory** "Sinfonia 2" Bach

**Presenting Our Gifts** "Sing Hallelujah" #32

**Message** "Here, Among Us"  
The Reverend Debbie Bennett Reynolds

**\*Hymn** "Spirit" #249

### Benediction

### Postlude

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

### BRIEFLY AT FBC

**Adult Education Today** - An Update on Response by Tompkins County (and other counties) to Possible Migrants and Asylum Seekers from NYC, as well as an Update on DSS Family Treatment Visitation Program.

### Other Brief Announcements

**Walk with FBC in the Ithaca Festival Parade Thursday June 1** Festival organizers want us in place by 5:30. Meet at the church at 5:15 if you would like to walk together to our spot 32 on N. Cayuga St. between Lewis St. and Jay St. (closer to Lewis). The theme will be Planet FBC. If you would like to walk with FBC in the parade, please let Tina Hilsdorf know. Text, call or email her at 607-592-0959, or [Tinap2@gmail.com](mailto:Tinap2@gmail.com). You can also join us at the last minute. The more the merrier!

### Welcome Reception for Janice Nigro, Office Manager

The Hospitality Team cordially invites you to join us in officially welcoming our new Office Manager, Janice Nigro, at a reception immediately following worship next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Janice has been with us for a few months, but many of you have not yet met her in person. This will be a chance for you to introduce yourself while enjoying light refreshments. We hope to see you there!

### Newcomers Gathering - June 4

If you are new (or somewhat new) to First Baptist and would like to know more about how to be involved and who we are, please plan to join us on June 4<sup>th</sup> after worship!

Follow up meetings on church membership will be offered for those interested.

**Honoring our Graduates** - We are making plans to honor our 2022 and 2023 high school graduates in the coming weeks. If you would like to contribute to a Love Gift for them, please mark it for HS Graduates. (There will not be Scholarship funds given out this year.)

