

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

We encourage members to support FBC recycling efforts and help the environment by returning deposit cans/bottles to Wegmans or another convenient location and donating the funds to First Baptist to be used for mission projects.

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.

DROP OFF BINS ARE IN THE COAT AREA for

- * Kitchen Cupboard staple foods
- * Gently used or new Books for the Family Reading Partnership
- * Dental recycling – used toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes

This week at First Baptist

Monday, July 22 nd	6:30 p.m.	Ceasefire Now Ithaca
Wednesday, July 24 th	12:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
	5:30 p.m.	Rock Voices Ithaca
Thursday, July 25 th	8:30 a.m.	Meditation
	12:15 p.m.	Advocacy Center Staff Meeting
Sunday, July 28 th	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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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

July 21, 2024

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

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** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #86

Call to Worship

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all God's wonderful acts.

Many: O God, I will be glad and rejoice in You. I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

One: God is a stronghold for the oppressed, a safe refuge in times of trouble.

Many: O God, those who know your name put their trust in you. You never forsake those who seek you.

~ Psalm 9:1-2, 9-10

Chant "Streams of Love" Paulette Meier

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.

Silent Meditation

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.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers and Pastoral Prayer

Special Music "There is a Balm in Gilead" Shella Chace, soloist

Young People's Time

Offertory "Yogananda" William Rowan

***Presenting Our Gifts** "Thank You, Lord" #531

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Introduction of Our Preacher Josie Zanfordino

Greetings

Rev. Kendrick Kemp

Scripture

Genesis 32:22-32

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then the man said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So, Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. Therefore, to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

Message Rev. Kendrick Kemp

***Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" #464

Benediction

Song of Blessing "May the Blessing of God" #448

Postlude

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

BRIEFLY AT FBC

Please join us for our reception after worship.