

**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, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Service and Social Justice Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Ceasefire Now Ithaca
Wednesday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Worship, Music & Spiritual Life Committee
Thursday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Meditation
Saturday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 a.m.	Hidden Treasures Gathering
Sunday, August 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Newcomers Gathering
	2:00 p.m.	Josie and Adrienne's Anniversary Gathering

**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*

*August 18, 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** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #2

### Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to God with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation. Great are the works of God studied by all who delight in them.

**Many: God's works are full of honor and majesty. God's righteousness stands forever. God is known by God's wondrous deeds. The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.**

One: God's handiwork is honesty and justice; all God's rules are trustworthy – they are established always and forever, they are fulfilled with faithfulness and uprightness.

**Many: The fear and awe of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws. God's praise endures forever.**

~ Psalm 111 selected verses

**Chant** I abide in you. You abide in me.  
In our exchange of love, we are free.

### 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** "In My Father's House" Trad./A. P. Carter Arr.: DAC  
New Creation Singers  
Shella Chace, Jim Evans, Bill Fry,  
Judy Kennison, Marlene Sack, and Dave Caughey

### Young People's Time

**Offertory** "Title" Composer

## \*Presenting Our Gifts

"Spirit Song"

#352

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Scripture

Ephesians 3:7-21

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray, therefore, that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### Message

"Paul's "Evangelion"  
The Reverend Debbie Bennett Reynolds

**\*Hymn** "O Christians, Haste" #482

### Benediction

### Postlude

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

### BRIEFLY AT FBC

**Newcomers Gatherings:** August 25, 11:45 am- 12:30 in the library.  
If you are new to First Baptist, we are so glad you have been attending!  
At the gatherings, we will share information and answer questions about who we are and how you can get involved. Please plan to join us!

**Our End of Summer Church Picnic at Taughannock** will be September 1. Please plan to come!

**Adult Ed and Sunday school classes** will resume on September 8.