



Welcome to Richmond's First Baptist Church

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May 21, 2023 | 11 a.m.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Preparation For Worship

In his bestselling book, The Road Less Traveled, M. Scott Peck writes: "Life is difficult. This is a great truth, one of the greatest truths. It is a great truth because once we truly see this truth, we transcend it. Once we truly know that life is difficult—once we truly understand and accept it—then life is no longer difficult. Because once it is accepted, the fact that life is difficult no longer matters." The author of 1 Peter seems to have understood that principle, and begins today's Epistle reading by saying, "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you..."

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Invocation

Allison Collier

Prelude, "Wonderful Words of Life"

arr. Joel Raney

Call to Worship, (from Psalm 68, NRSV)

Allison Collier

Leader: Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

People: **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

Leader: But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

People: **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides
upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him.**

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.

Unison: **Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

Hymn No. 334, "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

AMSTERDAM

Children are invited to gather on the front steps during this hymn.

Children's Sermon

Amanda Lott

The Gospel, John 17:4-11, (Pew Bible NT page 136)

Teri Osborne

Call to Prayer

"I Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)"
Adult Choir

Dan Forrest

I lift my eyes unto the hills from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Pastoral Prayer

Ruth Szucs

Hymn No. 295, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

Bringing Heaven to Earth

Heath Coryell

Offertory

"Bound for the Promised Land"
First Ringers

Derek K. Hakes

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Children are invited to exit the sanctuary for Children's Worship. See below for details.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Gifts

Richard Szucs

The Epistle Lesson, 1 Peter 5:6-11, (Pew Bible NT page 286)

Robert Thompson

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Robert Thompson

Anthem

"Psalm 8"
Adult Choir

Dan Forrest

Adonai, Adonenu. Adonai, Adonenu.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

The moon and stars that You have set in place,

What are mortals that You should care for them?

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

O Lord, our Lord, Adonai, Adonenu.

Sermon

"When I Find Myself in Times of Trouble"

Don Davidson

Hymn No. 72, "Day by Day"

BLOTT EN DAG

The Life of the Community

Allison Collier

Charge and Benediction

Don Davidson

Organ Postlude, "Puer Nobis"

Richard Purvis

The worship services at Richmond's First Baptist Church are planned around the weekly readings from The Revised Common Lectionary. This biblically based approach to worship can be strengthened and enhanced by the awareness and preparation of our church family as we ready ourselves to meet God and each other in worship each week.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 28, 2023: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of
Morris U. Ferguson, Jr. by Mrs. Virginia Ferguson and family;
Bonnie Louise Payne, Peter W. Payne, Jr., and Louise Payne by Tracy Payne;
In commemoration of Rev. Juan Carlos and Rev. Consuelo Gascón's 36th wedding anniversary
by Juan Carlos Gascón, Jr.

The 11 a.m. worship service is streamed on Sundays at fbcrichmond.online.church
and on YouTube at fbcrichmond.org/youtube.

Wireless personal receivers are available for those who need assistance hearing in the Sanctuary.
If your hearing aid is equipped with a T-switch, please activate it to utilize our hearing loop.

We gladly welcome families with children to worship today.
Worship clipboards can be found at all sanctuary entry doors. During the Doxology children in grades 1-3
are invited to gather at the *Children's Worship* sign at the upper and lower piano-side doors.
After Children's Worship in suite 220, children will return to their pew during the final hymn.
If you have any questions please feel free to ask an Usher or Greeter for help. We are glad you are here!



Ministry Leadership Staff

Dr. James G. Somerville, Senior Pastor

The Ministry of Christian Community

Rev. G. Lynn Turner, Senior Associate Pastor
Rev. Robert E. Thompson, Minister of Pastoral Care
Becky Payne, Pastoral Care Associate

The Ministry of Christian Formation

Dr. Allison Collier, Associate Pastor
Amanda Lott, Minister to Children & Families
Michael Lacy, Student Ministry Assistant
Alex Hamp, Preschool Administrator

The Ministry of Christian Worship

Dr. Philip L. Mitchell, Associate Pastor
Ruth Szucs, Music Ministry Associate
Eunice Kim, Pianist
Cheryl Van Ornam, Organist

The Ministry of Christian Invitation

Rev. Matthew Hensley, Associate Pastor
Lee Byerly, Recreation Director

The Ministry of Christian Compassion

Rev. Steve R. Blanchard, Associate Pastor
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The Ministry of Communication

Allen Cumbia, Director of Communication Technology
Leigh Farmer, Communication Coordinator

The Ministry of Support

Donna Earley, Director of Stewardship & Development
Kim Boys, Interim Business Manager

Deaf Mission at Richmond

Rev. Dirk Hill, Pastor

• **Matching Gift Initiative | May 14-June 18 |**

We have some incredible news! An anonymous donor has agreed to match gifts to First Baptist Church between now and June 18, up to \$50,000. Your gift during this time must be in addition to your regular giving and it must go to the operating budget. If you are giving by check, please write “match” in the memo. If you would like to give online, please use the QR Code.



• **Don't Let Kids Get Hurt | The Physician Within |**

May 25 | 6 p.m. | Flamming Hall | Every child gets boo-boos, but what happens when you find yourself in the middle of a pediatric medical emergency? Hear tips and tricks from pediatric professionals. There will be plenty of takeaways from this session that you won't want to miss! Whether you are a first-time parent or a grandparent “on duty,” you will get lots from this session. Also streaming on our website.

• **Neighborhood Game Night | May 24 | 6:15 p.m. |** Get ready for a great time as you join our neighbors for a great night of group games, fun, laughter, and community building. All ages are welcome!

• **Summer Celebration in the Courtyard | May 31 |** 5-7 p.m. | \$5 donation suggested | Kick off the summer with us! We will grill hamburgers and hotdogs (reserve your dinner using the QR Code), play lawn games, and listen to great tunes from our DJ Maron El-Khouri. Jiji's Frozen Custard will be for sale. There will also be a photo booth, bouncy slides, and a fire truck for the children to explore! We will also collect new, packaged underwear and socks for the compassion ministry. So please consider bringing a package to donate.



• **Blood Drive | June 1 | 1:30-5:30 p.m. | Gym |** We hope you will consider donating blood to the American Red Cross.



• **Adult Bible Study | June 5-8 | 10 a.m.-Noon |** Flamming Hall | We will start with a fellowship time, sing a hymn and pray. Allison Collier will lead us in a Bible study entitled **Faithful Curiosity**. The idea is to approach each text with curiosity and questioning as we journey through the scriptures together and ask what can we discover, unpack, or read in a new light. Get a Zoom link by emailing Allen Cumbia at cumbia@fbcrichmond.org.

• **When You Give, You Make an Impact!**

When you partner with Richmond's First Baptist Church financially, you help love and serve our neighbors in Richmond and around the world. Use the QR code to give now or give online at fbcrichmond.org/give.



• **Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!** a choral concert | Tonight | 7 p.m. | The Adult Choir will be joined by our auditioned adult ensemble, One Accord, our First Ringers handbell choir, and orchestra. The concert will feature joyous anthems of praise from John Rutter, Dan Forrest, Thomas Cousins, Dale Wood, and Mack Wilberg. Join us as we delight in beautiful music, led by the church's 65-voice choir, performed in the historic worship space of Richmond's First Baptist Church. The concert is free.

• **Summer Women's Book Club | June 20 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Adams Room |** Join Susan Hughes to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. This Pulitzer Prize-winning book highlights the innate goodness of its characters during the height of World War II. Books are for purchase in the church office, or at your favorite local bookstore.

• **Helena Youth Mission Trip | July 7-15 |** This trip is specifically for our youth (middle and high school students). We invite them and their families to travel with us to Arkansas as we spend our time working with **Together for Hope** in one of the 20 most impoverished counties in the country. The experience will be rewarding, eye-opening, and faith-forming for those who make the trip. If your teen has a heart for service, this is the trip for you! Register on the FBCnow! app or use the QR code.



• **Vacation Bible School | June 26-30 | 9 a.m.-Noon |** Sign your K-5th grade children up for this much anticipated week of fun at Richmond's First Baptist Church. Preschool classes are already full. This year children will enter the Changemakers Lab to learn that EVERYONE can make a difference in this world. Extended day is available until 4 p.m. for \$10/ day.

• **Summer Music Camp | July 31-August 4 |** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Students in rising first-fifth grades are invited to join us for this fun week of music and rhythm. Mornings will include choir, rhythm instruments, bells/ chimes, Bible stories, skits, and more. For an additional \$10, you can extend your child's day to 4:30 p.m. Use the QR code to register.



• To reserve a Sunday flower memorial or honorarium, contact Becky Payne at 804-358-5458 x154 or flowers@fbcrichmond.org. The acknowledgment will be listed in the worship bulletin on the date you designate. The cost is \$30.