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WORSHIP NOTES

Restrooms are located in the Foyer and in the hallway behind the Sanctuary (please exit through the piano-side door).

Childcare is available for infants, toddlers and PreK in the nursery. An usher will be glad to lead you to the nursery area (below the Banquet Hall).

Clergy of the Week: Jeremy Shoulta (jeremy.shoulta@fbcgainesville.org)
Deacon Team of the Week: Jeff Lawson, Ken Lott and Vonda Shope

If you have any safety concerns or needs this morning, please feel welcome to speak with our security officer, Ret. Lt. Nina Harkins, who usually can be found in the church foyer.

First Baptist Church is a **Stephen Ministry congregation**. Stephen Ministers are caregivers trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life. If you would like to be put in touch with a Stephen Minister, please call **770-534-7354**.

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Welcome to worship! We encourage all guests to complete a Connect Card (located in the pew) and drop it in the offering plate during the service. You are also invited to stop by the Guest Table (located in the Foyer) to receive further information about First Baptist Church.

“Crossing Thresholds: From Talk to Table”

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Gathering Music	<i>Amazing Love! How Can It Be</i> Duet: Hannah Bradley, Organ and Rev. Mark Green, Piano	arr. McDonald
Chiming of the Hour		
Lighting of the Altar Candles		Ella & Madelyn Wheeler, Acolytes
Call to Worship	<i>There Is a Fountain</i> Sanctuary Ringers; Rev. Glenn Eernisse, Director	arr. Lamb
*Hymn of Praise No. 217	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	Dix
Invocation, Welcome & Opportunities to Serve		Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford
Passing the Peace of Christ	May the peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.	Congregation
*Hymn (see insert)	<i>We Believe</i>	Hooper/Fike/Ryan
Music Meditations	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i> Sonlight Ringers	arr. Edwards
	<i>Send the Light</i> Sonlight Youth Choir; Carl Bedingfield, Bass; Mike Mauldin, Drums; Rev. Dr. Glenn Eernisse, Director	arr. Hayes
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer	Our Father, who art 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 trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	Rev. Kellie Denton
*Offertory Hymn No. 620	<i>Because He Lives</i>	Gaither
*Offertory Prayer		Audrey Burt
Offertory Praise	<i>There Shall Be Showers of Blessings</i> Sanctuary Ringers; Rev. Dr. Glenn Eernisse, Director	arr. Edwards
*The Doxology (No. 706)		Ken
Children’s Prayer		Rev. Christopher Simonton

Children are invited to children's church after the children's prayer.

*Denotes congregation to stand.

Choral Worship

Amen

arr. Hairston

Sanctuary Choir; Jay Scovill, Soloist; Rev. Mark Green, Director

Amen, good Lordy, Amen, have mercy, Amen, amen, amen. (Sing it over). Amen, good Lordy, Amen, have mercy, Amen, amen, amen. See the baby (Amen), wrapped in a manger (Amen) on Christmas mornin'. (Amen, amen, amen) See Him in the temple. (Amen) Talkin' with the elders (Amen) who marveled at his wisdom. (Amen, amen, amen) See Him at the Jordan (Amen) where John was baptizin', (Amen) and savin' all sinners. (Amen, amen, amen) See Him at the seaside (Amen) talkin' to the fisherman (Amen) and makin' them disciples. (Amen, amen, amen) Marchin' in Jersulem (Amen) over palm branches (Amen) in pomp and splendor. (Amen, amen, amen) See Him in the garden (Amen) prayin' to His Father (Amen) in deepest sorrow. (Amen, amen, amen) Led before Pilate. (Amen) Then they crucified Him (Amen) but He rose on Easter. (Amen, amen, amen) Hallelujah (Amen) He died to save us (Amen) and He lives forever (Amen, amen, amen)
Arranged by Jester Hairston 1957 by Bourne Co.

Sermon

**“Crossing Thresholds: From Talk to Table”
(Luke 24:13-35; Pew Bible No. 1642)**

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

***Hymn of Response
No. 569**

In Christ Alone
Stanzas 1 & 3

Getty/Townend

Closing Words and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

Postlude

Dance Toccata
Hannah Bradley, Organ

Lasky