



West Main Baptist Church  
July 21, 2024

\*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

PRE SERVICE VOLUNTARY Mark Gourley

WELCOME Drew Herring

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Voluntary on St. Anne* Mark Gourley  
(*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*) William Croft; Healey Willan, setting

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Caroline Wilson  
We have gathered this morning to tell the truth about life.  
**Life is brutal and life is beautiful.**  
We have gathered this morning to tell the truth about God.  
**Our Father loves us. Christ is with us. The Spirit sustains us.**  
We have gathered this morning to tell the truth about ourselves.  
**We were created to rely on God's grace and help.**  
We have gathered this morning to worship.  
**We lift up our hearts and voices!**

\*HYMN 566 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* The Church

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on Romans 5: 3-5) Caroline Wilson  
**We can trust God in our suffering, because suffering can produce endurance, and endurance can produce character, and character can produce hope. Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

\*RESPONSE 321 (Sing Twice) *Gloria, Gloria* The Church  
**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**  
(*As we sing, the children are invited to come forward for the children's lesson*)

CHILDREN'S LESSON Jennifer Clatterbuck  
(*After the children's lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow the leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.*)

\*HYMN 677 *When We Are Tested* The Church

PRAYERS Sean Timmons

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *Meditation on Slane* Sandie Parker, piano  
(*When We Are Tested*) Traditional Irish Melody; arr. Mark Gourley, organ

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 22 Brandie Collins & Tim Montgomery

SERMON "But..." Drew Herring

\*HYMN 543 *Abide With Me* The Church

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Abby Chaney

OFFERTORY Mark Gourley

\*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*) The Church  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
O Praise Him! Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*BENEDICTION Sean Timmons

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Recessional on St. Anne* Mark Gourley  
(*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*) William Croft; Gordon Young, setting

Thank you to Sandie Parker, Brandie Collins, Tim Montgomery and Caroline Wilson for assisting in worship today.

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| <p><b>Summer Choir</b></p> <p>Come be a part of our Pick Up Choir. Just come to the choir loft to help lead the hymns in the Worship Service. <b>No</b> rehearsal, <b>no</b> robes &amp; <b>no</b> commitment necessary. Bulletins and hymns will be in the</p> | <p><b>COMING UP SUNDAY: AUG. 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancake Breakfast@10 A.M.</li> <li>• Blessing of the Backpacks in worship (see inside for details)</li> <li>• Youth Red Carpet at 6 P.M.</li> </ul> |
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