



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 13th, 2018 Ascension Sunday

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, we believe your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended into your presence. May we ourselves also live there with him in heart and mind and spirit until the day of his return. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering “Transcendental Etude #1” (Liszt) Ameer Abusada
 “Sonata in F minor, Op. 57”, 1st mvmt” (Appassionata) (Beethoven)

Opportunities for Life and Service Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

*The Introit “See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph”
 (Tune: Hyfrydol)

**See, the Lord ascends in triumph, conqu'ring King in royal state
Riding on the clouds, his chariot, to his heav'nly palace gate;
Hark! The choirs of angel voices, joyful Alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted, to receive their heav'nly King.**

*Call to Worship John Nelson

Leader: Christ has Ascended.
All: **Glory to Jesus Christ.**

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Reflective Moment

“Agnus Dei”

Michael W. Smith

**Alleluia! Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns. (repeat)
Alleluia! Holy! Holy are you Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.
You are Holy. Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.**

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Praise

“Days of Elijah”

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn and are invited downstairs following their blessing for their own service.

**These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days of your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord!’**

Refrain:

**Behold he comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it’s the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.**

**These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in your world,
And we are the labourers in your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!**

Refrain

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Deborah Nelson

New Testament Lesson: Acts 1.1-11

(N.T. pg. 118)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 68

Leader: Let God rise up, let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

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

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

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord.

Choir: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

All: God gives the desolate a home to live in; God leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

*Gloria Patri #623

Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Matt 28.1-10, 16-20

(N.T. pg. 34)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Approach "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

#232

Sermon "Where Is Jesus' Authority Recognized?"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” #241

Prayers of the People Hilary Ryan

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts & Offerings “Prelude and Fugue in C minor” (Bach) Ameer Abusada

*Response of Praise “Praise the Lord”

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I’m redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name!
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!
To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy name!**

*Benediction Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing “Ballade # 1 in G minor” (Chopin) Ameer Abusada

Deacon on Duty: Collin Carbno

Anyone desiring prayer is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary on the right hand side. One of our deacons will be there to listen and to pray with you.

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Our Thanks to Ameer Abusada for helping to lead us in worship this morning. He is a 1st year university, gr.10 Royal Conservatory piano student.