



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, June 24th, 2018  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

***\*Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able***

## **We Gather as God's People**

**Silent Prayer:** Come to us, O Christ, forgive our feeble faith when the winds of life become blustery and the waves seem to overtake us. In this hour of worship send forth fresh courage and then send us forth in full confidence in your word, O Christ. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*The Introit

**“We Have Come to Join in Worship”**  
*(Tune, Hyfrydol)*

**We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God.  
Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak his mighty Word.  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.  
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**\*Call to Worship: Psalm 24**

**Leader:** The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**All:** For it was he who founded it upon the seas and planted it firm upon the waters beneath.

**Leader:** Who may go up the mountain of the Lord?

**All:** And who may stand in his holy place?

**Leader:** Only those who have clean hands and a pure heart, and do not worship idols or tell lies under oath.

**All:** They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and justice from God their saviour.

**\*Unison Prayer** "Praise Your Holy Name"

**It is good to be here, today, Lord! It is good to praise your holy name! Our songs of joy celebrate your creation in the morning. Our words of praise proclaim your faithfulness at night. You have granted us victory! O Lord, our lord, we praise your holy name in all the world. Amen!**

**\*Welcoming One Another**

**We Approach God**

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**\*Reflective Moment** "Holy Spirit" Getty

**Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least;  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Confession of Sin** Joel Russell-MacLean  
**Assurance of Pardon**

\*Hymn of Praise

“For the Music of Creation”

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(Words, Shirley Murray; tune, Beethoven: Hymn to Joy)

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

For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,  
For your sound’s divine expression, burst of joy in living things:  
God, our God, the world’s composer, hear us, echoes of your voice;  
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice.

Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,  
Simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,  
Hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,  
Lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,  
Worship lifting up the senses, hands and praise, and dancing feet;  
Over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,  
Harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease.

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Marilyn Phillips

## **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Reader

Hilary Ryan

New Testament Lesson: James 1.12-18

(N.T. pg. )

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 2.4-25

(O.T. pg. 2)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn of Preparation “Creation Sings the Father’s Song  
(By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

Creation sings the Father’s song; he calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day till ev’ning falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, his breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle’s flight; commands the newborn baby’s cry.

*Chorus:*

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, “Hallelujah!”  
Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation’s King.

Creation gazed upon his face; the Ageless One in time’s embrace  
Unveiled the Father’s plan of reconciling God and man.  
A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the  
curse,  
Whose death would set us free to live with him eternally.

*Chorus*

Creation longs for his return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.  
When he renews the land and sky, all heav’n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme: the glories of our God and King.

*Chorus, 2x*

Sermon “God’s Creation Symphony” John Nelson

## **We Respond to God**

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Gift of Music (*recording*) “Create In Me” In His Image  
(*Baptist Leadership Training School Tour Group 1981-82*)

\*Hymn of Response      “All Things Bright and Beautiful”  
(Tune, Royal Oak #132, Baptist Federation Hymnal)

*Chorus:*

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours, he made their tiny wings.**

*Chorus*

**The Purple headed mountain, the river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.**

*Chorus*

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruit in the garden, he made them every one.**

*Chorus*

**He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.**

*Chorus*

Prayers of the People

Murray Wolfe

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

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