



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 2nd, 2018
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, you delight to see your children living in harmony with each other and all creation. Remove envy, pride and an unforgiving spirit from within us. May our greatest desire be to want what you want and our habit be to forgive as we have been forgiven. We ask this for our Lord Jesus' sake and in his name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Becky Findlay

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"God is Here"
(Tune: Hymn to Joy, #1)

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

*Call to Worship

Joel Russell-MacLean

Welcome

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #234

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn and are welcome to remain at the front during the scripture reading and to return to their seats for communion. Colouring and activity sheets are available and the nursery is open to infants and toddlers.

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

New Testament Lesson: The Revelation to John 7.9-14 (N.T. pg. 249)

Leader: Blessed are those who hear these words.

People: May God bless those who take these words to heart.

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 138

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

Leader: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

All: Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to John 16.27-33 (N.T. pg. 110)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon "In Between the Beginning and the End" Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Approach "Whiter than Snow" #436

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Annabel Robinson

Call to Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

(Cont'd, see over.)

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of the People

Esther Wiens

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.

The Words of Consecration

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and wine as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

(All communion wafers are gluten free)

Prayer for the Bread

Prayer for the Wine

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “O Boundless Salvation”
O boundless salvation, deep ocean of love!
O fullness of mercy Christ brought from above,
The whole world redeeming, so rich and so free,
(Now flowing for all) 3x... Come, roll over me!

My sins, they are many, their stains are so deep,
And bitter the tears of remorse that I weep;
But weeping is useless thou great crimson sea,
(Thy waters can cleanse me) 3x... Come, roll over me!

And now, hallelujah! The rest of my days
Shall gladly be spent in promoting his praise,
Who opened his bosom to pour out this sea
(Of boundless salvation) 3x... for you and for me!

Our Gifts & Offerings

Becky Findlay

*Response of Praise “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong", let the poor say, "I am rich",
Because of what the Lord has done for us. *(repeat)*

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Becky Findlay

Deacon on Duty:

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.

Back Yard BBQ

Tonight, 5 p.m., at Joel and Heather's home: 1968 St John St. Speak with Joel or Heather if you plan on attending. A lawn chair and an appetite are all that is required. Donations will be collected. Everyone is welcome!

Next week: Kickoff Sunday

The choir and the organ return and there is a BBQ following the service.



First Baptist Church Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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