First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, July 11, 2021 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Lord God, help us to hear your call, to respond to your grace, and to enter new life to the praise of your name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Melissa Morgan

*The Introit

"God is Here"

(Ode 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 and Invocation

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise	"This Is My Father's World"	#58
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas - his hand the wonders wrought.		
This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.		
This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.		
Children's Blessing		Kayely Rich
Gift of Music		Melissa Morgan
Confession of Sin Assurance of Pardon		Norma Holtslander
We Listen to God		
Scripture Reader		Annabel Robinson

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:15-23

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 24

- The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those Leader: who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
- ALL: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.
- They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the Leader: God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- ALL: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.
- Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*Gloria Patri

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 Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

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*Hymn of Celebration

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night; Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart; O King of glory, my treasure Thou art.

O King of glory, my victory won; Rule and reign in me 'til Thy will be done; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall; Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sermon

"Seeking the Face of God"

Richard Hovey

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response "Glorify Thy Name"

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, Glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, Glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, Glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Prayers of the People

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 and Offerings

*Response of Praise

"Take My Gifts"

Take my gifts and let me love, God who first of all loved me, Gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free, Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away. Now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply.

*BenedictionRichard HoveyMusic for DepartingMelissa Morgan

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Richard Hovey

(Tune #455)

Murray Wolfe