



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## **Worship Service for Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 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    “Andantino Religioso” (Mendelssohn)                      Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service    John Nelson

**\*The Introit    “Days of Elijah”**

**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!**

**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.**

**\*Welcome and prayer    Kayely Rich**

**Leader: Christ has Ascended.**

**All:              Glory to Jesus Christ.**

**\*Welcoming One Another**

# We Approach God

## \*Hymn of Praise

## “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

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*The children are invited to come to the front until the remainder of the service. Activity bulletins are available.*

# Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

# Gift of Music

## Sanctuary Choir

# We Listen to God

# Scripture Reader

Joel Russell-MacLean

## Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 7.1, 9-14

(O.T. pg. 828)

## 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—God's name is the Lord.

*Choir: God is a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows.*

**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.  
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.

## New Testament Lesson: Acts 1.1-4,12-17

(N.T. pg. 118)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

# Sermon

## “Raised From the Dead, Raised into Heaven”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“Beautiful Saviour”

by Stuart Townend

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the fountain of delights.  
For in my helplessness you heard my cry  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

*(Chorus:)*

Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the way, the truth, the life,  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, Heaven's Champion  
And you reign, you reign over all

I will trust in the cross of my redeemer.  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

*(Chorus)*

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
Where countless worshippers will share one song  
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the lamb!

*(Chorus)*

\*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 and the 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.**

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

Annabel Robinson

### 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      “Jesus Lives and So Shall I”      #224

Our Gifts & Offerings	“Gavotte” (Wesley)	Mark Anderson
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\*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      “Nachspiel” (Bruckner; by request)      Mark Anderson

## 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.*

## Summer Worship Service Hours

Beginning June 30, the long weekend worship will begin at 10 am.

## **Missions fundraiser**

Thank you to all who attended our Lebanon Lunch last Sunday, and to those who prepared and served the delicious food. \$3,902.21 was raised for our Lebanon Partnership, to support our CBM partners-in-mission, Emad & Almess Botros, help Syrian refugee children go to camp, and sponsor needy pastors to attend the Middle East Consultation at Arab Baptist Seminary in June. If you wish to help us reach our goal of \$7500 to match our CBM Missions Budget, you can still do so for the month of June. Please make cheques out to "CBM", with a note on the memo line to "FBC Regina - Lebanon Partnership", and place in the offering. Thank you!

## **Annual Church Picnic**

Willow Island, Sunday, June 9th, 3:30-6:30

Join us for a great afternoon of games, music, food, fun, and prizes!

Salad and dessert potluck.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages provided.

Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets, plates and flatware.

Freewill offering to defray costs.

This is an event for the whole church!

Wheelchair access available: Please contact Pastor Joel for arrangements.

Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

## **Victoria Avenue Improvements**

Hey, where did our sidewalks go? Don't worry! They will be back soon once the underground work is complete. During this time, we will continue to have access to all our entryways on Sundays.

The city is improving Victoria Avenue, replacing sidewalks, curbs, and the road, and completing tree planting and replacements in the center median between Broad and Albert Streets. The construction has begun in front of First Baptist and will continue, block-by-block, over the summer months toward Albert St. If you have questions, please talk to Rob Stafford or Pastor Joel.

## **Katepwa Lake Camp Open House**

Come out for our Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 8th, from 12 PM to 5 PM. Drop in throughout the afternoon for lots of activities and a free barbeque.



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