



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 31st, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, through Jesus, may we allow those things that lead to death to die in us. In their place, may we be set free from corruption and filled with the Holy Spirit, and through the Spirit receive the new life of Jesus and the transforming knowledge of your love for us. We ask this thanks to Jesus, together with you and the Holy Spirit, our one God. Amen

Music for Gathering

"Praise Processional" Mark Anderson & Natalie Fuller
"Impromptu" Carolyn Talbot
"God of Grace" JuBELLation
"Joshua Fit the Battle" Vivace
"Wonderful Words of Life" Christa Walsh

Congregational Life and Ministry

Joel Russell-MacLean

Call to Worship and Invocation

John Nelson

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

All: **And also with you.**

We Approach God

Hymn of Praise

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!**

**There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!**

**Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!
His atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!
Near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
He the firstfruits of our race. Alleluia!**

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

Gift of Music

“Joy in the Morning”

Sanctuary Choir & MYM Chorus.

We Listen to God

Hymn of Preparation “We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

**We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer’s prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.**

**The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
The private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.**

**So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the love of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us now to mend the body, mind and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.**

Scripture Reader
Response

Susan Bornowsky

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 2.19-3.14

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 139

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

All: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

All: Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

All: Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

All: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, that I know very well.

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 Reading: John 20.19-22

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"New Life in the Spirit"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

Richard Hovey

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.

Hymn of Departing

“At Calvary”

**Years I spent in vanity and pride, caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me he died on Calvary.**

(Refrain:)

**Mercy there was great, and grace was free; pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary.**

**By God’s word at last my sin I learned; then I trembled at the law I’d spurned,
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary.**

(Refrain)

**Now I’ve giv’n to Jesus everything, now I gladly own him as my King,
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary!**

(Refrain)

Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Praise to the Lord”

Mark Anderson

Join others for a special, “A Time for Friends”.

After the music for departing a few smaller breakout groups will be formed. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. If you wish to take part, simply remain on zoom to greet the group and hear how others are doing.