



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 16th, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, your way is always good. Your way leads to life. You have said, "This is the way, walk in it". May your Spirit be our light as we discern your direction in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

"A Psalm of Praise"

MYM Chorus

"When I Survey...."

Christa Walsh

"Lift High the Cross"

Christa Walsh & Mark Anderson

Congregational Life and Ministry

Joel Russell-MacLean

Call to Worship and Invocation

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

All: **And also with you.**

We Approach God

Hymn of Praise

“How Firm a Foundation”

#275

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word.
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.**

**“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by mrighteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”**

Children’s Moment

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Carol Hepting

We Listen to God

Hymn of Response

“I Will Follow”

Chris Tomlin

(Chorus:)

**Where you go, I'll go. Where you stay, I'll stay.
When you move, I'll move; I will follow you.
Who You love, I'll love. How you serve, I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You**

**All your ways are good, all your ways are sure:
I will trust in you alone.
Higher than my side, high above my life,
I will trust in you alone**

(Chorus)

**Light unto the world, light unto my life,
I will live for you alone.
You're the one I seek, knowing I will find,
All I need in you alone, in you alone**

(Chorus)

Scripture Reader
Response

Hilary Ryan
Esther Gurnsey

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 13.1-14.10 (*Selected verses*)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 25.8-14

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

All: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: The Lord leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Leader: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

All: Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

Leader: They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.

All: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

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: Matthew 16.21-26

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

Merv Hepting

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.

Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Prepare to Go and Serve God

Hymn of Departing

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

#354

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

(Refrain:)

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

(Refrain)

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

(Refrain)

Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

"How Great Thou Art"

Joel Raney, MYM

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.