



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, August 30th, 2020**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## **We Gather as God's People**

**Silent Prayer:** Almighty, loving and all wise God, may your strong hand, defend guide and empower our lives and our ministries today. In the name of Christ, Amen.

*This summer is the second year after the first Hymn Sing reunion in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for which John Nelson was privileged to participate and chair the planning committee.*

*Hymn Sing ran from 1965-1995 on CBC Television, with higher ratings at times than the national news and NHL hockey. At its peak, it had a viewership well into 3,000,000. It left an indelible impression on both John's life and his life journey.*

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| Music for Gathering | "A Gladsome Hymn of Praise"           | Hymn Sing |
|                     | "Church in the Wildwood"              |           |
|                     | "O Mary, Don't You Weep"              |           |
|                     | "Jesus Bids Us Shine"                 |           |
|                     | "When the Roll is Called Upon Yonder" |           |
|                     | "How Great Thou Art"                  |           |
|                     | "God is Our Refuge and Strength"      |           |

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**

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Hymn of Praise

“Great is the Lord”

#31

by Micheal W Smith

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;  
By his power we trust In his love.**

**Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;  
By his mercy he proves he is love.**

**Great are you Lord and worthy of glory;  
Great are you Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice:  
Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!**

“How Majestic is Your Name”

#30

by Micheal W Smith

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

**O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of peace, Mighty God; O Lord, God Almighty.**

Children’s Moment

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

"I Stood at the Door of My Lord"

John Nelson

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

Brenda Ziolkowski

## **We Listen to God**

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Hymn of Approach

“Immortal, Invisible”

#25

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious - thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

Scripture Reader  
Response

Rosemary Ward  
Derrick Bellows

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 145 (selected verses)

Leader: I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever.

**All: I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness.

**All: Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

**All: The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.**

Leader: The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does.

**All: The Lord grants the desires of those who fear him; the Lord hears their cries for help and rescues them.**

Leader: The Lord protects all those who love him, but he destroys the wicked.

**All: I will praise the Lord, and may everyone on earth bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**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.**

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 22-24 (Selected verses)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Norma Holtslander

## **We Respond to God**

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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.**

Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Prepare to Go and Serve God**

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Hymn of Departing

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#292

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
Crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be,  
Armoured with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set all free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor thee,  
That we fail not man nor thee.**

Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

"Work for the Night is Coming"

Hymn Sing

*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.*