



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Your glory fills the whole earth and your power is beyond measuring. Your gifts are good and perfect, your love is more than we can know and your grace is enough for everything. Eternal God, we come to you.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Congregational Life and Ministry

Chris Senger

Welcome

Kayely Rich

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

“Immortal, Invisible”

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**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.

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

John Nelson

Gift of Music

Christa Walsh

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Rosemary Ward

NT Reading: Colossians 1:3-14

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 62:5-7

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

ALL: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

ALL: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Glory be 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 15:8-16

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee;
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
All that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee;
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee;
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Or if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

*Hymn of Departing

“Jesus, All For Jesus”

Robin Mark

**Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have and ever hope to be.**

**All of my ambitions, hopes and plans,
I surrender these into your hands;
All of my ambitions, hopes and plans,
I surrender these into your hands.**

**For it's only in your will that I am free,
For it's only in your will that I am free.
Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have and ever hope to be.**

Benediction

Richard Hovey

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

Zoom Breakout Rooms Following the Service

Following the service this morning those joining us on Zoom will be invited to take part in a breakout room. This is a chance to visit with a smaller group of people. Feel no obligation to stay but all are invited.