



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, September 13th, 2020**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Silent Prayer:** Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you accompanying us day after day. Thank you for giving us a church family. May we offer up our lives in thankful service to one another as Jesus gave up his life for ours. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Congregational Life and Ministry

Joel Russell-MacLean

Call to Worship and Invocation

John Nelson

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

**All:** **And also with you.**

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

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**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you, op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain praising you eternally!**

**Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother, let your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

## We Listen to God

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Gift of Music

Karen Martin

Scripture Lessons

Marilyn Phillips

Response:

Ron Phillips

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 1.1-4, 4.7-18

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 65

Leader: O God, it is right for us to praise you in Zion and keep our promises to you,

**All: Because you answer prayers, people everywhere will come to you.**

Leader: Our faults defeat us, but you forgive them.

**All: Happy are those whom you choose, whom you bring to live in your sanctuary.**

Leader: We shall be satisfied with the good things of your house, the blessings of your sacred Temple.

**All: You answer us by giving us victory, and you do wonderful things to save us.**

**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: Matthew 4.18-22

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Sermon

## We Celebrate

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\*Hymn of Preparation

“Agnus Dei”

Michael W. Smith

**Alleluia! Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns (repeat).**

**Alleluia! Holy! Holy are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.**

**You are Holy. Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.**

\*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.**

Call to the Supper  
Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **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

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.**

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

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!**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

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.

Communion

\*Hymn for Departing

“It Is Well with My Soul”

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**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul**

*(Chorus:)*

**It is well (it is well),  
With my soul (with my soul).  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blessed assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.**

*(Chorus)*

**My sin - O, the bliss of this glorious thought -  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

*(Chorus)*

**And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

*(Chorus)*

Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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.*