



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: O God, as we gather at this place to belong today, take the small seed planted and make it bear abundant fruit. Take some word or phrase, be it spoken or sung, and use it to enlighten and strengthen so that we may leave here today with renewed faith, and restored strength and confidence in our living Lord. Amen!

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” - *Berthold Auerbach*

Congregational Life and Ministry

Kayely Rich

“Music is the space where the Spirit lives.” - *Beethoven*

*Song of Gathering

“To God Be the Glory”

**To God be the glory great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.
O, Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done.**

*Call to Celebration:

“Rejoice! Sing Alleluia”

Richard Hovey

Leader: Let the world in every corner sing.

All: Lift high the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Leader: Let all the world give praise in one accord with jubilant song to the Lord.

ALL: We come before his presence with music in our hearts.

Leader: Together we lift high the name of Jesus in praise, till the earth and the heavens are filled with his glory.

**ALL: Holy Lord, you are the music, we are your song; we are as one voice,
and to you our hearts belong.**

Invocation

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

All: And also with you.

*“If composers could say what they had to say in words
they would not bother trying to say it in music.” Gustav Mahler*

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Fill the Earth with Music”

**Fill the earth with music, sound aloud his praise.
Give to all your witness: “Jesus Christ will save!”
Psalms and hymns and heart-songs in you richly dwell,
Centred on the Saviour, Christ who does things well.**

(Refrain:)

**Fill the earth with music, sound aloud his praise.
Give to all your witness: “Jesus Christ will save!”**

**Ring, you bells, with gladness! Sing, you choirs, with joy!
Take to heart your mission; all your tunes employ.
With your hearts united, all with common voice,
Each in your own language, in your Lord rejoice!**

(Refrain)

**In your lofty anthems, by your hymns of peace,
Give the Prince of Goodness his own rightful place.
Raise the cross of Jesus, lift it high above;
That the world may find, there, Christ, the Lord of love.**

(Refrain)

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

*“The music within you discovers its harmonious voice, when the body,
mind and soul of the artist are truly engaged in the creative process.” Unknown*

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 13 (a singer's version)

Hilary Ryan

Confession of Sin

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#435

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge— take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

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Hilary Ryan

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his temple!

All: Praise his strength in heaven! Praise him for the mighty things he has done!

Leader: Praise his supreme greatness!

All: Praise him with trumpets! Praise him with harps and lyres!

Leader: Praise him with drums and dancing! Praise him with harps and flutes!

All: Praise him with cymbals! Praise him with loud cymbals!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all living creatures!

All: Praise the Lord!

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.

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“A painter paints pictures on canvas, but musicians paint their pictures on silence.” Leopold Stokowski

Sermon

“Next to the Word of God, Music...”

John Nelson

We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

Esther Wiens

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.

Our Gifts & Offerings

Chris Senger

“Music is the universal language of humankind.” Victor Hugo

*Response of Praise

“Doxology”

Congregation

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above the Heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

“Alas for those that never sing, but die with their music in them.” Oliver Wendell Homes

*Hymn of Departing “In My Heart there Rings a Melody”

#514

**I have a song that Jesus gave me it was sent from heaven above;
There never was a sweeter melody, 'Tis a melody of love.**

(Chorus:)

**In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody with heaven's harmony;
In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a melody of love!**

**I love the Christ who died on Calvary for he washed my sins away;
He put within my heart a melody and I know it's there to stay.**

(Chorus)

**'Twill be my endless theme in glory with the angels I will sing;
'Twill be a song with glorious harmony when the courts of heaven ring.**

(Chorus)

*Responsive Benediction

“A Blessing of Music”

by Joseph Martin

Leader: May our days be filled with MUSIC.

ALL: May our paths be paved with SONG.

Leader: May the sound of forever lift us up and keep us STRONG.

ALL: May our hearts resound with LAUGHTER.

Leader: May our lives be tuned for PRAISE.

ALL: May the hymns and songs of faith bring us HOPE.

Leader: May the rhythms of our lives bring us JOY.

ALL: May the harmony of friendship bring us LOVE.

Leader: May the Maker BLESS and KEEP us.

ALL: May God's music GUIDE our ways.

Leader: May God's gentle whisper always comfort us with GRACE.

ALL: May the voices of angels sing us PEACE. ALLELUIA, AMEN!

“The music manuscript is like a marble slab awaiting each stroke of the sculptor to reveal the beauty that lies beneath the surface.” C. Stroke

Join others for “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.