



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 4th, 2020 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the congregation's sanctuary.*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, Father in heaven, you unveiled the future of creation and of humanity in Jesus. You have placed his life within us and within the church while we wait for the arrival of this future in full. Help us to lovingly obey Jesus while we patiently endure to the end. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Congregational Life and Ministry

Joel Russell-MacLean

Call to Worship and Invocation

Richard Hovey

*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

*Hymn of Praise

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

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**We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.**

**You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand;
Your love has met your law's demand.**

**You are the living truth; all wisdom dwells in you,
The source of every skill, the one eternal True!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.**

**You only are true life to know you is to live
The more abundant life that earth can never give.
O risen Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life renew!**

**We worship you, Lord Christ, our Saviour and our King;
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts that all may view your life in us and turn to you!**

We Listen to God

Gift of Music

John Nelson

Scripture Lessons

Norma Holtslander

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 1.13-23

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 97

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

All: Clouds and thick darkness are all around the Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundation of the Lord's throne.

Leader: The heavens proclaim the Lord's righteousness; and all the peoples behold the Lord's glory.

All: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

Leader: The Lord loves those who hate evil; the Lord guards the lives of his faithful and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

**All: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
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: John 1.10-18

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing
Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach

“Beautiful Saviour”

by Stuart Townend

**All my days, I will sing this song of gladness.
Give my praise the fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness you heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

(Chorus)

**Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor, clothed in majesty, lord of
history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's champion,
And you reign, you reign, over all.**

**I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.**

(Chorus)

**I long to be, where the praise is never ending;
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshipers will share one song;
And cries of "worthy" will honour the Lamb!**

(Chorus)

***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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

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

Susan Bornowsky

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 cup 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

We Respond to God

*Hymn for Departing “Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty”

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**Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses? All burst forth at your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, Great Creator, God and Friend,
Boundless power gave full expression to your love which knows no end.**

**Who am I that you should love me, meet my every need from birth?
Why invest yourself so fully In a creature made of earth?
In your loving heart you planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul you breathed your Spirit, planted your own image
there.**

**I am yours, Eternal Father, all my body, mind, and heart.
Take and use me to your glory, form yourself in every part.
Lord, your love brings joy and gladness flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being rise to you, their source and goal.**

Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

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.*