



First Baptist Church

A Place to Belong

Worship Service for Sunday May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Creator of heaven and earth, loving Heavenly Father, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, you lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music for Gathering

"All Hail the Power"(MYM '12)
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
"The Lord is My Light"
"Barcarolle"
"God is Our Refuge and Strength"

Easter Reflections

Fuller Brass
(MYM '09) Natalie & Maria Fuller
('86) John Nelson, Nancy McQuade
(EA '07) Carolyn Talbot
(MYM '90) Sanctuary Choir

Opportunities for Life and Service

Richard Hovey

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

*The Introit

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, let there be light.**

*Call to Worship & Prayer

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.

Leader: The Holy Spirit has descended to us! O come, let us worship.

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“The Comforter Has Come!”

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**O spread the tidings 'round wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound: the Comforter has come!**

**The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from Heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n;
O, spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found—the Comforter has come!**

**The long, long night is past, the morning breaks at last,
And hushed the dreadful wail and fury of the blast,
As o'er the golden hills the day advances fast! The Comforter has come!**

**The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from Heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n;
O, spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found—the Comforter has come!**

**Lo, the great King of kings, with healing in his wings,
To every captive soul a full deliv'rance brings;
And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings; the Comforter has come!**

**The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from Heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n;
O, spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found—the Comforter has come!**

**Sing till the echoes fly above the vaulted sky,
And all the saints above to all below reply,
In strains of endless love, the song that ne'er will die: the Comforter has come!**

**The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from Heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n;
O, spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found—the Comforter has come!**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Celebration “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” Getty and Townend

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth,
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:18-23

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 104

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

Leader: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

All: when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Leader: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

All: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

*Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-22

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Praise

“There Is a Redeemer”

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**There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**Thank you, oh my Father for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done.**

**Jesus my redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh, for sinners slain.**

**Thank you, oh my Father for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit 'Til the work on Earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory I will see his face,
And there I'll serve my king forever in that holy place.**

**Thank you, oh my Father for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done.**

Prayers of the People

Norma Holtslander

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

"Psalm of Praise"

(MYM '09)

Sanctuary Choir & Friends, Natalie & Maria Fuller

*Response of Praise

"Revive Us Again"

**We praise thee, O God, for the Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Saviour and scattered our night.**

**Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again!**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music For Departing

"Rondeau" (Jean-Joseph Mouret)

Mark Anderson

The Music For Departing during April, May and June is played to the glory of God and in honour of John Nelson's three plus decades of faithful music ministry at First Baptist. This week's selection was chosen because it is one of John's favourite fanfares.

A Virtual Time for Friends

After the Music for Departure 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.