



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 26, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbour: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Music for Gathering

Brother James' Air
(Wood)

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"God is Here"

(Ode to Joy, #1)

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

*Call to Worship & Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#43

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

How Lovely Are the Messengers
(Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

Confession

Norma Holtslander

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

#88

**Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Saviour!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.**

New Testament Lesson: James 1:19-21, 26, 3:2-12

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 37

Leader: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

All: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

Leader: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

All: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

Leader: Depart from evil, and do good; so you shall abide forever.

All: For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his faithful ones.

Leader: The righteous shall be kept safe forever, but the wicked shall be cut off.

All: The righteous shall inherit the land, and live in it forever.

Leader: The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak justice.

All: The law of their God is in their hearts; their steps do not slip.

*Gloria Patri

#623

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: Matthew 7:15-20

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What Our Words Say About Us”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Trust and Obey”

#349

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But his smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

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 and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music There is None Like You with "I love you Lord" Sanctuary Choir
(arr. Purifoy)

*Response of Praise "Praise the Lord"

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name!
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!
To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy name!**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah Mark Anderson
(Hughes/Kellner)

After the Music for Departing, there will be a time to ask questions that you may have related to COVID-19, our music ministry, or one of our other ministries. Or, perhaps something else has concerned you in recent weeks. Pastor Joel and Ron Phillips, board chair, will remain in the sanctuary following the service to hear your concerns and answer your questions. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. We will continue to stream on Zoom and will do our best to accommodate questions from there.