



# First Baptist Church

*A Place to Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, June 27th, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*\*Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

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

**Silent Prayer:** Lord, may the course of this world be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church might joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *From BCP.*

Music for Gathering

"Simple Gifts"

"Train for Jubilee"

Memorable Reflections

(J. Martin)MYM '2012 Joseph Martin

(J. Martin) Spring '19 Vivace & Christa Walsh

Music for Gathering

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

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Piano Reflection

Christa Walsh

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*The Introit

"Fill the Earth With Music"

(Wye Valley, #494)

**Fill the earth with music, sound aloud his praise.**

**Give to all your witness; "Jesus Christ will save!"**

**Psalms and hymns and heartsongs in you richly dwell,**

**Centred on the Saviour, Christ who does things well.**

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**Give to all your witness; "Jesus Christ will save!"**

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

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

#59

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,  
If we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.**

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
And everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.**

Graduate Sunday

Chris Senger

Gift of Music

Becky Findlay

Confession of Sin

Richard Hovey

Assurance of Pardon

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“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.**

Scripture Reader

Kathy Brown

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 91

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty will say to the Lord,

**All: “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

Leader: The Lord will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence

**All: The Lord will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge**

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

**All: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.**

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

**All: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.

**All: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

**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.**

New Testament Lesson: James 1.12-18

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Source of All Goodness"

Joel Russel-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Preparation

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

#51

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever sing to thee.**

**All: John, God called you to be our pastor: to preach and to teach the Gospel, to baptize and to lead the Lord's Supper, to visit and to pray, and to form a ministry of music that both touches the community and stimulates our worship. You have comforted us, encouraged us, and strengthened us. We have been changed for the better through your ministry.**

John: People of First Baptist, the Lord called me to serve in this place. Now God has seen fit to lead me on. I am thankful for the time God has given us together. Forgive me for the times where out of my passion for wanting us to be more, I overstepped, and for the times I fell short of my best intentions.

**All: We forgive you and we ask for your blessing and forgiveness as we move to this next chapter without you in pastoral leadership among us.**

John: Thank you for the love and support you have shown me and my family while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I will hold these memories and learnings for years to come. The Holy Spirit brought us together and my life has been changed. Together, we did marvellous things.

**All: We are grateful for your service among us. Your influence on our faith and lives will continue. We release you to what God has in store for you.**

John: I release you from turning to me as your pastor. I trust all the good we accomplished together for God's glory will endure. I will pray for you and for your ministers. May God continue to bless this ministry and this place to belong.

**All: The Lord be with you.**

John: And also with You.

Prayer for John Nelson

Prayers of the People

John Hilmer

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.**

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“How Great Thou Art”

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**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

Our Gifts & Offerings

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Gift of Music

"Praise Ye the Father" juBELLation & Mark Anderson

\*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

\*Choral Benediction

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (J. Raney)

Christa Walsh & Mark Anderson

Dr. Melissa Morgan (Guest Conductor)

*During the duet, the congregation will be invited to sing two verses of the hymn, which Dr. Morgan will direct.*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ, our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

*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 was written by a former Meet Your Musician clinician, Joel Raney, because it is a favourite of John's and of his long-time colleague and mentor George Baxter, because it includes the congregation John so wonderfully served, and because John brought such joy to the music ministry at First.*

## A Virtual 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.