



First Baptist Church

A Place to Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, July 4th, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbour: Grant us your grace through your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart and united to one another with pure affection. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Karen Martin

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Prayer

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#8

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
Sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.**

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Bonita Dueck

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 72

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God.

All: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

All: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Leader: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

All: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

Leader: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

All: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.

Leader: May his foes bow down before him, his enemies kiss the dust.

All: May the kings render him tribute and bring gifts. May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

Leader: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

All: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

Leader: From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

All: Long may he live! May gold be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.

Leader: May there be abundance of grain in the land; may it wave on the tops of the mountains; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field.

All: May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun. May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**All: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.**

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.

Sermon

“The King and the Land”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation

“Come As You Are”

by David Crowder

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been;

Come broken hearted, let rescue begin.

Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel:

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. *(repeat)*

The Father is calling, “Come as you are”;

Join Christ in the water, take up your cross;

Welcome God’s Spirit and new life receive:

Earth has no sorrow, that God can’t redeem. *(repeat)*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed.

Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.

There's rest for the weary, rest that endures:

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. *(repeat)*

*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession

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.**

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

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”

#61

**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

Karen Martin

First Baptist Church Question & Answer Time

After the music for departing there will be a time to ask questions you may have related to Covid, our music ministry, or the ministries coming up in the fall. Or, perhaps something else has concerned you in recent weeks. 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.