



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me. I have calmed and quieted my soul. Help me place my trust in you. Amen. *(Adapted from Ps. 131)*

Music for Gathering

Brianna Levesque

Opportunities for Life and Service

Norma Holtslander

*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

Norma Holtslander

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

“Better is One Day”

by Matt Redman

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty;
My soul longs and even faints for you.
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence;
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.**

**Better is one day in your courts. Better is one day in your house.
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (x2)**

**One thing I ask, and I would seek - to see your beauty
To find you in the place your glory dwells. (x2)**

**Better is one day in your courts. Better is one day in your house.
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (x2)**

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

Marilyn Phillips

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Be Still and Know”

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**Be still and know that I am God. (x3)
I am the Lord that healeth thee. (x3)**

Scripture Reader

Brenda Beckman-Long

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 131

Leader: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,

All: My eyes are not raised too high;

Leader: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me.

All: I have calmed and quieted my soul,

Leader: Like a weaned child with its mother;

All: My soul within me is like a weaned child.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

*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 7:24-28

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“House on the Rock”

Kayely Rich

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“The Solid Rock”

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**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

Prayers of the People

Murray Wolfe

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

*Response of Praise

"Take My Gifts"

(Tune #455)

**Take my gifts and let me love, God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away.
Now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply.**

*Benediction

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

Brianna Levesque

'A Virtual Time for Friends'