



First Baptist Church

A Place to Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, July 18th, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, you have revealed our Lord as the one who will judge us along with all the living the dead. Help us to leave judgment to him. Help us look at the people in our lives and the people we meet each day in the best possible light and to daily strive to remove all sin from our own hearts and minds. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Brianna Levesque

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

*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

Kayely Rich

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

“Blessed Assurance”

#345

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Saviour am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

Brianna Levesque

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Saviour of My Heart”

by John Hartley, Sheila Walsh & Bonnie Bielec/arr. D. Angerman

**You alone are the Saviour of my heart, faithful in all you do.
You alone are the keeper of my soul, tender and kind and true.
I will seek you in the morning, I will seek your face at night;
How lovely is your presence to me, O, Lord to me.**

**Take my heart with all its wandering ways. Shelter me in your grace.
There I'll stay 'til all my days are through, then I shall see your face.
(I will seek you in the morning, I will seek your face at night;
How lovely is your presence to me, O, Lord to me.) 2x
How lovely is your presence to me, O, Lord to me.**

Scripture Reader

Enosh Lal

New Testament Lesson Acts 17:30-31

*Gospel Lesson: John 6:28-31

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 73

Leader: Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled

All: For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Leader: For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek. They are not in trouble as others are. Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them like a garment. Their eyes swell out with fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. They scoff and speak with malice.

All: They set their mouths against heaven, and boast of power on earth.

Leader: Therefore the people turn and praise them, and find no fault in them.

All: They say, "Is God aware of what goes on?"

Leader: Such are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

All: All in vain I have kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.

Leader: If I had said, "I will talk on in this way," I would have been untrue to the circle of your children. But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task.

All: Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end.

Leader: Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!

All: They are like a dream when one awakes; on awaking you despise their phantoms.

Leader: When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you.

All: Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honour.

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.

All: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Leader: Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; you put an end to those who are false to you.

All: But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, to tell of all your works. 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.

*Hymn of Response

“Rock of Ages”

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**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labours of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

Prayers of the People

First Baptist Deacons

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”

(Beach Spring, #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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

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.