



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

Melissa Morgan

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

“A Shelter in the Time of Storm”

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**The Lord's our rock, in him we hide, a shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**O Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
O Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**A shade by day, defence by night, a shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no foes affright a shelter in the time of storm.**

**O Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
O Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**The raging storms may round us beat, a shelter in the time of storm;
We'll never leave our safe retreat, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**O Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
O Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**O rock divine, O refuge dear, a shelter in the time of storm;
Be thou our helper ever near, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**O Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
O Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Rosemary Ward

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 1 and 2

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers

All: Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

Leader: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers.

All: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

All: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Leader: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,

All: "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

Leader: The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying

All: "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."

Leader: I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

All: You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

Leader: Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

All: Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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: John 15:1-10

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Picture of Health”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation

“What a Beautiful Name”

by Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

**You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you our Christ.**

**What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my king.
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater; what could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my king.
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this,
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold you; the veil tore before you:
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory
For you are raised to life again
You have no rival; you have no equal;
Now and forever, God you reign.
Yours is the kingdom; yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names.**

**What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my king.
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against,
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

*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

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus, simply taking, life and rest, and joy and peace.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust him, Precious Jesus, Saviour, friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Melissa Morgan

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.