

First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong



Worship Service for Sunday, August 15, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Father, you waited for a long time before sending Jesus to become one of us and to take up his Lordship over all creation. Jesus, help us to imitate your patience and trust in the Father as we wait through our hardships. Holy Spirit, give us strength for each day. Loving God, let us see your goodness in this land. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Karen Martin

Opportunities for Life and Service

Richard Hovey

*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

Richard Hovey

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

"I Will Not Be Shaken"

by Norm Strauss

**I will declare my choice to the nations.
I will shout for joy to the congregation.
I will worship God (worship God)
All my days.**

**Those who love the Lord are satisfied.
Those who trust in him are justified.
I will serve my God (serve my God)
All my days.**

**When the nations crumble,
The word of the Lord will stand.
Kings may rise and fall,
But his love will endure.
Though the strong may stumble,
The joy of the Lord is strength
To my soul and
I will not be shaken, (no, no!)
I will not be moved,
I will not be shaken.**

*Hymn of Praise

"Who You Say I Am" by Reuben Timothy Morgan /
Benjamin David Fielding)

**Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but he brought me in – Oh, his love for me,
Oh, his love for me.**

**Who the Son sets free,
Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am!**

**Free at last, he has ransomed me –
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me,
Yes, he died for me.**

**Who the Son sets free,
Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am!
In my Father's house
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am!**

**I am chosen, not forsaken,
I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me,
I am who you say I am**

**I am chosen, not forsaken,
I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me,
I am who you say I am.
I am who you say I am.**

**Who the Son sets free,
Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am!
In my Father's house,
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am!**

God at Work in our Lives - Camp Edition

Gift of Music

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Karen Martin

Joel Russell-MacLean

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love thee because thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

We Listen to God

Scripture Readers

Addy Holtslander
Rowan Russell-MacLean

Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 3:1-4, 8-13

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

ALL: The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

ALL: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

Leader: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

All: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Leader: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

All: he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

Leader: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

All: at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Leader: Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

All: My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Leader: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

All: Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

Leader: Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

All: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

Leader: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

*Gloria Patri

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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.

Sermon

Take Courage and Wait

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

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**Trials dark on every hand,
And we cannot understand
All the ways of God would lead us
To that blessed promised land;
But he guides us with his eye,
And we'll follow till we die,
We will understand it better by and by.**

Refrain:

**By and by, when the morning comes,
When the saints of God are gathered home,
We'll tell the story how we've overcome,
We will understand it better by and by.
Oft our cherished plans have failed,**

**Disappointments have prevailed,
And we've wandered in the darkness,
Heavy hearted and alone;
But we're trusting in the Lord,
And, according to his word,
We will understand it better by and by.
(Refrain)**

**Temptations, hidden snares
Often take us unawares,
And our hearts are made to bleed
For a thoughtless word or deed;
And we wonder why the test
When we try to do our best,
But we'll understand it better by and by.
(Refrain)**

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 and 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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Karen Martin

For those of you on Zoom, 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 be invited to a group and hear how others are doing.