



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Lord God, help us to hear your call, to respond to your grace, and to enter new life to the praise of your name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Rob Nelson

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 and Invocation

Kayely Rich

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

“Immortal, Invisible”

#25

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious - thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest - to both great and small,
In all life thou livest - the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render - O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

Children's Blessing

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

Rob Nelson

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Richard Hovey

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Rosemary Ward

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-17

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

ALL: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Leader: When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

ALL: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

Leader: You have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*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 Reading: Matthew 6:25-33

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Celebration**

“Great Are You Lord”

**You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you, Lord**

**It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only**

**You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are you, Lord**

**It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only
(Repeat)**

**And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are you, Lord
(Repeat x2)**

**It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only
(Repeat)**

Sermon

“Who Am I?”

Richard Hovey

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#560

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Prayers of the People

Ron Phillips

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

Richard Hovey

*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

Richard Hovey

Music for Departing

Rob Nelson

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.

For those attending in person, please head outside to visit after the service, if possible, rather than using the foyer or aisles for that purpose. Thank you!