

First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong



Worship Service for Sunday, August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Rob Nelson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

*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

Chris Senger

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

“We come, O Christ, to You”

#117

**We come, O Christ, to You,
True Son of God and man,
By Whom all things consist,
In Whom all life began.
In You alone we live and move
And have our being in Your love.**

**You are the way to God,
Your blood our ransom paid;
In You we face our Judge
And Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand;
Your love has met Your law's demand.**

**You are the living truth;
All wisdom dwells in You,
The source of every skill,
The one eternal True!
O great I AM! in You we rest,
Sure answer to our every quest.**

**You only are true life
To know You is to live
The more abundant life
That earth can never give.
O risen Lord! we live in You:
In us each day Your life renew!**

**We worship You, Lord Christ,
Our Savior and our King;
To You our Youth and strength
Adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts that all may view
Your life in us and turn to You!**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Rob Nelson

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Richard Hovey

*Hymn of Approach "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

**We cannot measure how You heal
Or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe Your grace responds
Where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
Survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life
And cradle children yet unborn.**

**The pain that will not go away,
The guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds,
Are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
The hurt we never hoped to find,
The private agonies inside,
The memories that haunt the mind.**

**So some have come who need Your help
And some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the world
Are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
To mend the body, mind and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain
And make Your broken people whole.**

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Christie Senger

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

ALL: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him; Speak of all his wonders. Seek the Lord and his strength; Seek the Lord's presence continually.

ALL: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

Leader: O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

All: He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

Leader: When they were few in number, of little account, and strangers in it, he allowed no one to oppress them;

All: He rebuked kings on their account, Saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."

Leader: When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,

All: He had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

Leader: The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

All: He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,

Leader: Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham. And the Lord made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes, whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

All: He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Leader: They performed his signs among them, and miracles in the land of Ham.

All: Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Leader: He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

All: They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

Leader: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

All: For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

Leader: So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

All: He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord!

*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.

Sermon

“Remember and Make Known”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Be Still My Soul”

#347

**Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Prayers of the People

Hilary Ryan

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

“Praise the Lord”

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I’m redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name!
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!
To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy name!**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Rob Nelson

After the music for departing a few smaller breakout groups will be formed on Zoom. 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.