



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 29, 2021

Fourteenth 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

Lorna Gorman

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 and Invocation

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

“How Great Thou Art”

#4

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

Chorus

Children's Blessing

Kayely Rich

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Celebration

“To God be the Glory”

#66

To God be the glory, great things he hath done.
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Scripture Reader

Reade Holtslander

OT Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

ALL: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.” The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

ALL: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*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.

Epistle Reading: James 1:17-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Arms Full of Blessings”

Jennifer Holtslander

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“10,000 Reasons”

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Prayers of the People

Richard Hovey

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

Jennifer Holtslander

Music for Departing

Lorna Gorman