



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 12, 2021

Sixteenth 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: Heavenly Father, you have taught us through Jesus to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbour: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Music for Gathering

Melissa Morgan

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 and Invocation

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 Know Whom I Have Believed"

#409

**I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me he hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for his own.**

**But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."**

**I know not how this saving faith
To me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his word
Wrought peace within my heart.**

**But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."**

**I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the word,
Creating faith in him.**

**But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."**

**I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noonday fair,
Nor if I walk the vale with him,
Or meet him in the air.**

**But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

“Eternal Life; a prayer”
by Olive Dungan

Chris MacRae

Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“He Leadeth Me”

#461

**He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav’nly comfort fraught!
Whate’er I do, where’er I be
Still ’tis God’s hand that leadeth me.**

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful foll’wer I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.**

**Lord, I would clasp my hand in thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since ’tis my God that leadeth me.**

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful foll’wer I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.**

**And when my task on earth is done,
When by thy grace the vict’ry’s won,
E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.**

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful foll’wer I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.**

Epistle Lesson: James 1:1-18

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 25

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame.

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

All: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me,

All: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, or those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

All: Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

*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 5:1-12

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Harvest of Righteousness”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

"10,000 Reasons"

by Matt Redman

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before
Oh 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**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name**

**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**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name**

**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**

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name**

Commissioning for Ministry – Chris Senger

Prayers of the People

Annabel Robinson

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

Melissa Morgan

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!