



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## **Worship Service for Sunday, September 19, 2021**

Seventeenth 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**

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**Silent Prayer:** Jesus, you command how we are to live together through your teaching, personal guidance and example. Help us to recognize ways we need to change so that we live in right relationship with you and with others. In your name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Melissa Morgan

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*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 & Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

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**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Oh, How Good It Is”

Getty, Holmes, & Townend

**Oh, how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruits of his presence here among us.**

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out his word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
For he dwells in the presence of his people.**

**Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,  
To rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.**

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out his word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
For he dwells in the presence of his people.**

**Oh, how good it is to embrace his command  
To prefer one another, forgive us he forgives.  
When we lives as one, we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.**

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out his word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
For he dwells in the presence of his people.**

Children's Blessing

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Confession

Chris Senger

Assurance of Pardon

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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**Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.**

**When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.**

New Testament Lesson: James 1:21-22, 27, 2:8-17, 26

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 15

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

Leader: They do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

**All: In their eyes the wicked are despised, but they honour those who fear the Lord. They stand by their oath even to their hurt.**

Leader: They do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

\*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.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:21-27

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Living Salvation”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“In Christ Alone”

Townend & Getty

**In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all – here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified;  
For ev’ry sin on him was laid – here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death - this is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home – here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.**

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 “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

Thank you to the young people who helped lead us in worship this morning:

Isaiah Gagnon, Adoniram Holtslander, Angeline Holtslander, Sarah Orthner, and Xavier Russell-Maclean.

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!