



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 17, 2021

Twenty-First 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: Almighty and most merciful God, keep us with your bountiful goodness from all things that may hurt us, so that we being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Chaconne
(J. Pachelbel)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Richard Hovey

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

*The Introit

"Come Ye Thankful People"

#559

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home;

All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide For our wants to be supplied;

Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

*Call to Worship & Prayer

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

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

#108

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ we bring; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend to us he'll condescend:
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“Oceans”

Sara Orthner, Isaiah Gagnon,
Melissa Morgan, Pastor Chris

(Matt Crocker, Joel Houston and Saloman Ligthelm)

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“O, How He Loves You and Me”

#513

**O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me;
He gave his life—what more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me:
O how he loves you and me!**

**Jesus to Calv'ry did go, his love for mankind to show;
What he did there brought hope from despair:
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!**

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

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:33-40

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

All: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

All: Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

All: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Leader: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

All: See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

*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.

New Testament lesson: Hebrews 31.1, 2, 7-4.2

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Partners in a Heavenly Calling”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#560, v 1-3, 5

**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 thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
Agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven;
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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 Little Prelude and Fugue in D minor Xavier Russell-MacLean
(BWV 554, J.S. Bach)

We are thankful for Sara Orthner and Isaiah Gagnon who are leading us in song today, and also for our organ scholar, Xavier Russell-MacLean, who is playing the organ for us.

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.