



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 31, 2021

Twenty-Third 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, through Jesus, you created a new family made up of people from around the world and from across time. In your mercy, you have birthed us into that family. With all believers on earth and in heaven, help us to commit our lives to worship, prayer, and service, as the day of resurrection draws near. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Melissa Morgan

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.

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

All: I will utter sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

Leader: The glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation.

Leader: The Lord commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

All: That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

Leader: So that they should set their hope in God,

All: And not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

#350

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

Gift of Music

“A Celtic Ring”

JuBELLation

Children's Blessing

Kayely Rich

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:23, 25-28

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Reflection "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #20, v 1, 2

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with love, his praise forth tell, come we before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he does us feed, and for his sheep he does us take.**

Reflections on Faith "Present with the Lord: Faithful Lives"

Reflection Esther Gurnsey

*Hymn of Reflection "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #20, v 3, 4

**O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good: his mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

Reflection Norma Holtslander

*Hymn of Reflection "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #20, v 5

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
From earth and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.**

Reflection Chris Senger

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 11:13-16, 39, 40

*Hymn of Benediction "The Lord Bless and Keep You" #607

**May the Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,
And give you peace,
And give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen.**

(2X)

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Have Faith in God”

#408

**Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely,
He sees and knows all the way you have trod;
Never alone are the least of his children;
Have faith in God, have faith in God.**

**Have faith in God, he’s on his throne; Have faith in God, he watches o’er his own;
He cannot fail, he must prevail; Have faith in God, have faith in God.**

**Have faith in God when your prayers are unanswered,
Your earnest plea he will never forget;
Wait on the Lord, trust his word and be patient,
Have faith in God, he’ll answer yet.**

**Have faith in God, he’s on his throne; Have faith in God, he watches o’er his own;
He cannot fail, he must prevail; Have faith in God, have faith in God.**

**Have faith in God in your pain and your sorrow,
His heart is touched with your grief and despair;
Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him,
And leave them there, oh, leave them there.**

**Have faith in God, he’s on his throne; Have faith in God, he watches o’er his own;
He cannot fail, he must prevail; Have faith in God, have faith in God.**

**Have faith in God though all else fail about you;
Have faith in God, he provides for his own;
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish,
He rules, he reigns upon his throne.**

**Have faith in God, he’s on his throne; Have faith in God, he watches o’er his own;
He cannot fail, he must prevail; Have faith in God, have faith in God.**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Gift of Music

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

JuBELLation

*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

Mark Anderson

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.