



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

*\*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:** Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, you have washed away our sins and given us new life in Jesus by your Holy Spirit. Grant us courage and faith to keep our baptismal vows through all the days appointed to us as we look toward the day of resurrection and the renewal of all things. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

\*The Introit

"Christ, Be Our Light"

(Bernadette Farrell)

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,**

**Light for the world to see.**

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

\* Call to Worship and Prayer

Kayely Rich

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

“To God Be the Glory”

#66

**To God be the glory—great things he has 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.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory—great things He has 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.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory—great things He has done!**

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has 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.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory—great things He has done!**

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

“Intermezzo in A Major”  
(Johannes Brahms)

Grace Liu

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

Norma Holtslander

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

**“Step by Step”**  
(David “Beaker” Strasser)

**O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.**

**O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.**

**And I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.**

**And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.**

**(2x)**

\*Hymn

**“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

**#376, v.1**

**I have decided to follow Jesus,**

**I have decided to follow Jesus,**

**I have decided to follow Jesus,**

**No turning back, no turning back.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-11

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**All: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**All: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Leader: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

**All: When I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

Leader: For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**All: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

Leader: But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;

**All: They shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for jackals.**

Leader: But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

**All: Glory be 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.**

\*Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-5, 9-12

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“A Child of God”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Preparation

“This is my Father’s World”

#58

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.**

**This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world, oh let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.**

**This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died will be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.**

Baptism

Words of Affirmation

First Baptist Church Cranbrook

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“Jesus Loves Even Me”

#357

**I am so glad that our Father in heaven  
Tells of his love in the Book he has given;  
Wonderful things in the Bible I see,  
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.**

**I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

**Though I forget him and wander away,  
Still he doth love me wherever I stray;  
Back to his dear loving arms would I flee,  
When I remember that Jesus loves me.**

**I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

**O, if there's only one song I can sing,  
When in his beauty I see the great King,  
This shall my song in eternity be:  
O, what a wonder that Jesus loves me!**

**I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

Prayers of the People

Merv Hepting

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Chris Senger

\*Welcoming of the Baptized and the Affirmation of Our Baptismal Vows

Joel Russell-MacLean

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

"Praise the Lord"  
(Arr. Jeff Sotropa)

**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

We would like to thank Grace Liu for accompanying us on the piano today.

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.