



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, February 6, 2022

Fifth 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:** Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Book of Common Prayer)*

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*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

**“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”**

(John L. Bell)

**We cannot measure how You heal or answer every sufferer’s prayer,  
Yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.  
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,  
To carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.**

**The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,  
The fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.  
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,  
The private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.**

**So some have come who need Your help and some have come to make amends,  
As hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.  
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,  
To disentangle peace from pain and make Your broken people whole.**

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich

## **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Reader

Bonita Dueck

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:15-22

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 104

Leader: Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**All: They all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

Leader: When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**All: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

Leader: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

**All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

\*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: John 5:1-18, 25-29

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Life in Himself”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Preparation

“Behold the Lamb”

(Keith & Kristyn Ketty and Stuart Townend)

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us—and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.**

**So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you—eat and remember;  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.**

**So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you—drink and remember  
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.**

**So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond—and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.**

**As we share in his suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

\*Apostles' 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.**

Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed..., saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Communion

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“Jesus Paid It All”

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**I hear the Saviour say, “Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**Lord, now indeed I find thy pow’r and thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Grace Liu

Thank you to 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.