



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to know that which is worth knowing, to love that which is worth loving, to praise that which can bear with praise, to hate that which in your sight is unworthy, to prize what to you is precious, and above all, to search out and to do what is pleasing to you. Amen. (Thomas a Kempis)

Music for Gathering

Maria Fuller

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

*The Introit

“Come, People of the Risen King”
(Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

**Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of Grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; oh, church of Christ rejoice!**

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.

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

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The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song.

**Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
Wonderful grace all sufficient for me, for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!**

**Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost.
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
Wonderful grace all sufficient for me, for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!**

**Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most reviled,
By its transforming power making me God’s dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
Wonderful grace all sufficient for me, for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!**

Gift of Music

“The Church is an Ark”
(Pepper Choplin)

Sanctuary Choir

Here are the words for those who would like to follow along.

The church is an ark that carries the Word, and all who believe the gospel heard,
This ark was built by nail-scarred hands, made from the wood of a cross.

Its builder suffered hate and scorn, and many refused to come aboard,
And still it waits with open door.

This ark was built by nail-scarred hands, made from the wood of a cross.

The church is an ark that's ready to save the weary soul from wind and wave.
This ark will stand through every storm, and still it waits with open door.
This ark was built by nail-scarred hands, made from the wood of a cross.

This ark was built from heaven's plans and now it sails to promised lands.
The Spirit Dove leads on before. This ark will stand through every storm,
And still it waits with open door.

This ark was built by nail-scarred hands, made from the wood of a cross.

And when we reach our paradise and heaven's rainbow fills our eyes,
We'll rise to praise and thank the Lord for the ark that brought us to this shore.

The Spirit Dove leads on before. This ark will stand through every storm,
And still it waits with open door.

This ark was built by nail-scarred hands, made from the wood of a cross.

The church is an ark that carries the word.

The church is an ark for all who have heard.

This ark was built by nail-scarred hands, made from the wood of a cross.

Confession of Sin

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

**“How Beautiful”
(Twila Paris)**

**How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the children of earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.**

**How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That choose to forgive and never despise
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.**

**And as he lay down his life we offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as he died
Willing to pay the price.
Willing to pay the price.**

**How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.**

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:19-25

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119

Leader: My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word.

All: My eyes fail with watching for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?"

Leader: For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes.

All: How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me?

Leader: The arrogant have dug pitfalls for me; they flout your law.

All: All your commandments are enduring; I am persecuted without cause; help me!

Leader: They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts.

All: In your steadfast love spare my life, so that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

*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.

*Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-12

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Church: Scripture and Prayer"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Come All Christians”

#455

**Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness, each their sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.
Of your time and talents give you, they are gifts from God above;
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Saviour, tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work, with him find favour, and with joy his praises sing.
God’s command to love each other is required of every one;
Showing mercy to one another mirrors his redemptive plan.
In compassion he has given of his love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace are fully thine.
Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.
Worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the word,
And repeat the gospel story 'til all men his name have heard.**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“God is So Good”
(Arr. Maria Fuller)

Maria Fuller & Sanctuary Choir

Here are the words for those who would like to follow along.

God is so good. God is so good. God is so good, he’s so good to me.

God is so good. God is so good. God is so good, he’s so good to me.

Oh give thanks to God for he is good. Oh give thanks to God for he is good.

Oh give thanks to God for he is good, he’s so good to me.

Blessed be the God, the God of Israel. Blessed be the God, the God of Israel.

Blessed be the God, the God of Israel, he’s so good to me.

God you’re so good. God you’re so good.

Oh give thanks to God for he is good to me! Oh give thanks to God for he is good to me!

Oh give thanks to God for he is good to me. God you’re so good.

Blessed be the God, the God of Israel. Blessed be the God, the God of Israel.

Blessed be the God, the God of Israel, he’s so good to me.

God made a way. God came to save, he’s so good to me. You’re so good to me.

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.

Gift of Music "The Blessing" Maria Fuller, Joel Russell-MacLean
(Kari & Cody Carnes, Steven Furtick, Chris Brown) Sanctuary Choir, Congregation

The Lord bless you, and keep you,
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face t'ward you, and give you peace.
(2x)

*CHOIR: The Lord bless you, and keep you,
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face t'ward you, and give you peace.*

Amen! (6x)

**The Lord bless you, and keep you,
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face t'ward you, and give you peace.**

Amen! (6x)

May his favour be upon you, and a thousand generations,
And your family, and your children, and their children, and their children.

May his favour be upon you, and a thousand generations,
And your family, and your children, and their children, and their children.

*CHOIR: May his presence go before you, and behind you, and inside you,
All around you, and within you, he is with you, he is with you.*

*In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
In your weeping and rejoicing, he is for you, not against you.*

*He is with you, he is with you, and he loves you, yes he loves you,
He died for you, and he lives for you, and he calls you, "Child be with me"*

Amen! (6x)

**The Lord bless you, and keep you,
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face t'ward you, and give you peace.**

We Depart to Serve God

*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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
(Arr. Joel Raney)

Maria Fuller & Mark Anderson
Sanctuary Choir, Congregation

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light, the light of day! Amen.**

Please note that a special, brief congregational meeting will held May 29, 2022, following the morning worship service, to consider the following motion:

“We, the congregation of First Baptist Church Regina, request that Christopher Senger be recognized as a Licensed Minister by his Regional Advisory Group and Ministerial Credentials Committee of the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC), and that he fulfill all CBWC requirements and appear before the Ordination Examining Council within three years, to be recognized as ordained to the gospel ministry.”

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.