



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 4, 2022

Thirteenth 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: Oh Lord, we come to you today giving thanks to you for all the good things of life; for the world in which we live; and the universe beyond it. Thank you that you are a God who works and who creates. We acknowledge that we are made in your image and give you thanks for the goodness of work. Help us, Lord, as we seek to understand your good intentions for work even in the midst of difficult work conditions that are found in this broken world. May we understand you and ourselves better as a result of our worship time today. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Music for Gathering "Songs Without Words" Judi Levesque
(F. Mendelssohn)

Opportunities for Life and Service Chris Senger

*The Introit "Come Christians Join to Sing" #108

Come Christians join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Call to Worship and Prayer Cheryl Johnston

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Come Thou Fount”

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

**Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise his name—I’m fixed upon it—name of God’s redeeming love.**

**Hitherto thy love has blest me; thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, oh take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich and Cheryl Johnston

Prayers of the People Around the Theme of Work

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Carmen Orthner

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 1:3-20

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

Leader: You discern my thoughts from far away.

All: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

All: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

All: For it was you who formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

All: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

Leader: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Leader: I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

*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.

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:22-4:1

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Reflections on Work for Labour Day”

Kayely Rich

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation

**“Lamb of God”
(Twila Paris)**

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

**Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

**Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.**

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O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

*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

Kayely Rich

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

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

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

*Hymn for Departing

“All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”

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**All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me; cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me; oh, the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;**

*Benediction

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

“Praise to the Lord”
(Arr. Vernon Charter)

Judi Levesque

Thank you to our missions partner, Canadian Baptist Ministries and their new program, VENNTURE: “Faith Meets Work,” for the provision of materials for today’s service that help us reflect on work from a faith-based perspective.

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.