



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 2, 2022

Seventeenth 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: Almighty God, we are not able to reach your city on our own: we depend on you for safety and sustenance. Be with us our whole journey through and bring safely, with all the saints, into the kingdom of your Son. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Musical Selections

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

*The Introit

“God Our Father, We Adore Thee”

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Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! We give thee praise!

For the riches we inherit, heart and voice to thee we raise!

We adore thee! We adore thee! Thee we bless through endless days!

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Call to Worship and Prayer

Chris Senger

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 Almighty King”

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

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;

Help us to praise.

Father all-glorious, o’er all victorious,

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword;

Our prayer attend.

Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,

And let thy righteousness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear

In this glad hour!

Thou, who almighty art, now rule in ev’ry heart,

And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of pow’r.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be

Hence evermore!

Thy sov’reign majesty may we in glory see,

And to eternity love and adore.

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“Come to the Banquet”
(Joseph Martin)

Sanctuary Choir

For those who would like to follow along, the words are printed on page 7.

God at Work in Our Lives

Dustin Johnston

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Enoch Ernest

Old Testament Lesson: Ezra 7 & 8, selected verses

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 48

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation:

All: The joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, the city of the great King.

Leader: Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defence.

All: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes for ever.

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

All: Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgements.

Leader: Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels,

All: Tell the next generation that this is God, our God for ever and ever. God will be our guide for ever.

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.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 15:2-5

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation

“Behold the Lamb”

(Keith & Kristyn Getty 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 heav’n 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

Cheryl Johnston

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.

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.

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

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

“Victory in Jesus”

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**I heard an old, old story, how a Saviour came from glory,
How he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood’s atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.**

O victory in Jesus, my Saviour, forever.

**He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him and all my love is due him,
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.**

**I heard about his healing, of his cleansing pow’r revealing.
How he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,”
And somehow Jesus came and bro’t to me the victory.**

O victory in Jesus, my Saviour, forever.

**He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him and all my love is due him,
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.**

**I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I’ll sing up there the song of victory.**

O victory in Jesus, my Saviour, forever.

**He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him and all my love is due him,
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
(Metzger)

Mark Anderson

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for a “Time for Friends.” This is an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

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.

Lyrics for “Come to the Banquet”

Come to the banquet God has prepared,
A table of plenty, no cost has been spared.
Christ is our servant, we are his guest
At a feast of forgiveness where all will be blessed,
A feast of forgiveness where all will be blessed.

Come and remember as you eat the bread
All the ways that he fed you by the words that he said.
There’s rest for the weary, strength for the small.
O come and remember the Saviour of all,
O come and remember the Saviour of all.

Come to the table, rejoice in the wine
That refreshes the spirit, brings peace to the mind.
Come, drink you fill till hearts overflow,
O come to the banquet where God’s grace is shown.

Go from the banquet with hearts strong and pure,
Your place at the table forever secure.
Ask all who hunger to join with you there,
For there’s room at the banquet, room at the banquet,
Room at the banquet and plenty to share.