



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, September 18, 2022

Fifteenth 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**

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**Silent Prayer:** Loving Heavenly Father, you see us in our need and have mercy on us. We were in the wrong but when we admitted our fault and called out, you came to us. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways in the light of your presence every day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Musical Selections  
(Various composers)

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

\*The Introit

"God Our Father, We Adore Thee"

#268

**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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

#59

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

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!**

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“We Are the Hands of Christ”  
(Words: John Parker; Music: Joel Raney)

Sanctuary Choir

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

Confession of Sin

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“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 shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezra 1:1-11

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 9

Leader: You have rebuked the nations;...The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins; their cities you have rooted out;

**All: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Be gracious to me, O Lord. See what I suffer from those who hate me;

**All: You are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,**

Leader: So that I may recount all your praises and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

**All: The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.**

Leader: The Lord has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

**All: For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.**

Leader: Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you.

**All: Put them in fear, O Lord; let the nations know that they are only human.**

\*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.**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 2:9-17

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Stirring of the Spirit”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“Guide Me, O Thou Jehovah”

#51

**Guide me, oh thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.**

**Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.**

Prayers of the People

Norma Holtslander

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

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“Through the Darkness of the Ages”  
(Hilary Jolly)

Tune: Nettleton

**Through the darkness of the ages,  
Through the sorrows of the days,  
Strength of weary generations,  
Lifting hearts in hope and praise,  
Light in darkness, joy in sorrow,  
Presence to allay all fears,  
Jesus, you have kept your promise,  
Faithful through two thousand years.**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”  
(M. Limbaugh)

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 while enjoying 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 "We are the Hands of Christ"

No voice to speak his kindness, no eyes to see the pain;  
No heartbeat of compassion, no empathy remains.  
How will they hear the message that Jesus is alive?  
How can they know the truth unless it's through our lives?

Christ has no hands except your own.  
To reach the world and make him known.  
His love can change humanity by your touch alone.  
Christ has no hands except your own.

No truth to scatter darkness, no candle in the night;  
No warm illumination, no justice, no right.  
When will we recognize? Open our blinded eyes.  
We are the lighthouse to shine his light!

Christ has no hands except your own.  
To reach the world and make him known.  
His love can change humanity by your touch alone.  
Christ has no hands except your own.

Touching the desperate, feeling their pain;  
Reaching the hopeless in Jesus' name, in Jesus' name.

Christ has no hands except our own.  
To reach the world and make him known.  
His love can change humanity by our touch alone.  
Christ has no hands except our own.

No voice, no eyes, no hands, except our own.  
We are the hands of Christ, the hands of Christ.