



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

As we approach National Truth and Reconciliation Day this coming Friday, September 30th, we acknowledge that we are on Treaty 4 Territory, traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak (Cree), Nahkawé (Saulteaux) and Nakota and homeland of the Métis, Dakota and Lakota. When Canada (British Crown) wanted to access the land in what is now western Canada, they negotiated the Numbered Treaties 1 – 11 with First Nations who held their traditional lands on the prairies. We are all treaty people.

*\*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:** Father in heaven, you send the Holy Spirit to live within anyone who seeks to love and obey your son, Jesus Christ, the King of kings, making every believer a temple for your presence. Together, your people are being built into a temple on earth. Help us to build our lives together in a way that honours you and shares with our city the glory of your presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

“En Forme de Canon”  
(Théodore Salomé)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

\*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

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**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Standing On the Promises”

#271

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

**Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Saviour;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail.  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Saviour;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,  
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Saviour;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Saviour as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Saviour;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

God at Work in Our Lives

Esther Gurnsey

## **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Readers

Honnête Guruka & Adoniram Holtslander

First Scripture Lessons: Ezra 2:1-2, Haggai 1:1-9

Confession of Sin

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn of Response

“Seek Ye First”

#42

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

**And his righteousness,**

**And all these things shall be added unto you—**

**Allelu, Alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you,**

**Seek, and ye shall find.**

**Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you—**

**Allelu, Alleluia!**

Second Scripture Lessons: Ezra 3:8-13; Haggai 2:1-4

Gift of Music

“The Summons”  
(John L. Bell)

Joel Russell-MacLean  
Youth Group

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

Third Scripture Lesson: Ezra 5:3-5, 6:1-16 (selected verses)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

**All: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**All: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

**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.**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Happy in God’s House”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“We’re Marching to Zion”

#555, vs 1, 3, 4

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.  
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

**We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,  
Before we reach the heav’nly fields, before we reach the heav’nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.**

**We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.  
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
We’re marching thro’ Immanuel’s ground, we’re marching thro’ Immanuel’s ground,  
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.**

**We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.  
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

Prayers of the People

Kayely Rich

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

Kayely Rich

## **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

“Diapason Piece”  
(Samuel Wesley)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

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 "The Summons"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.