



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 16, 2022

Nineteenth 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: Father, you are always more ready to forgive than we are to repent. Guide us as we examine our hearts. Help us to discern between the voice of the accuser and the voice of your Holy Spirit within our conscience. Even in our efforts to obey you and live in righteousness, we are liable to go astray. Help us to wash not just on the outside, but deep within as well. Help us to remove the log from our own eye before we point out the speck in someone else's eye. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering "Meine Hoffnung Steht Auf Gott"¹ Xavier Russell-MacLean
(Carl Piutti)

Opportunities for Life and Service Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit "Rise Up, O Church of God" #293

**Rise up, O church of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.**

**Rise up, O church of God! His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of unity and end the night of wrong.**

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

¹ "My Hope is Founded in God"

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

#117

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

**We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.**

**You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand; your love has met your law's demand.**

**You are the living truth; all wisdom dwells in you,
The source of every skill, the one eternal true!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.**

**You only are true life to know you is to live
The more abundant life that earth can never give.
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!**

**We worship you, Lord Christ, our Saviour and our King;
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts that all may view your life in us and turn to you!**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“The Heavens are Telling”
(Jean Anne Shafferman)

Sanctuary Choir

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

Confession

John Hillmer

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

"Blessed be Your Name"
(Beth Redman and Matt Redman)

**Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.**

**Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezra 9:1-10:5

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 14

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

All: They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

All: They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Leader: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?

All: There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

Leader: You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

All: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

*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: Matthew 5:13-16

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Fallout"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

"Whiter Than Snow"

#436

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want thee forever to live in my soul,
Break down every idol, cast out every foe;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from thy throne in the skies,
And help me to make a complete sacrifice;
I give up myself, and whatever I know,
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat,
I wait, blessed Lord, at thy crucified feet;
By faith, for my cleansing I see your blood flow,
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, before you I patiently wait;
Come now, and within me a new heart create;
To those who have sought you, you never said, "No,"
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

"Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (2x)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)
Give thanks, give thanks.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

"Processional in C"
(Hal H. Hopson)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for "A Time for Friends"—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 Heavens are Telling”

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work proclaims the firmament.

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In all the land resounds the word.
Words are never spoken, yet ever understood,
Ever, ever, ever understood.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work, the wonder of his work
Proclaims, proclaims the firmament.

The wonder of his work, the wonder of his work
Proclaims, proclaims the firmament.
Proclaims the firmament, proclaims the firmament.