



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 23, 2022

Twentieth 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: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer)

Music for Gathering “Fantasy on Immortal, Invisible” JuBELLation
(Arr. Douglas Floyd Smith)

Opportunities for Life and Service Joel Russell-MacLean

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 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

*Hymn of Praise

“Wonderful Words of Life”

#270

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

**Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

**Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven:**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

**Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify forever:**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“Promised Land”
(Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson)

JuBELLation

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

**“Here I Am, Lord”
(Dan Schutte)**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Old Testament Lesson: Nehemiah 1:1-11, 2:1-5, 8b

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 74

Leader: O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

All: Remember your congregation, which you acquired long ago, which you redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage. Remember Mount Zion, where you came to dwell.

Leader: Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary. At the upper entrance they hacked the wooden trellis with axes. With hatchets and hammers, they smashed all its carved work. They set your sanctuary on fire;

All: They desecrated the dwelling place of your name, bringing it to the ground. They said to themselves, "We will utterly subdue them".

Leader: How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile your name forever? Why do you hold back your hand?

All: Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the earth.

Leader: Yours is the day, yours also the night; you established the luminaries and the sun. You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter.

All: Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs, and an impious people reviles your name.

Leader: Have regard for your covenant, for the dark places of the land are full of the haunts of violence.

All: Do not let the downtrodden be put to shame; let the poor and needy praise your name.

*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: Luke 14:27-30

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

#455

**Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the lord.
Make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness, each his sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.**

**Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Saviour, tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work with him find favour, and with joy his praises sing.**

**God’s command to love each other is required of every one;
Showing mercy to each other mirrors his redemptive plan.
In compassion he has given of his love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace are fully thine.**

**Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ’s name believe.
Worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story until all his name has heard.**

Prayers of the People

Annabel Robinson

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

Annabel Robinson

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Give Thanks”
(Henry Smith)

**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

“Flourish”
(Alan Bullard)

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.