



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

Silent Prayer: Lord God, as we gather to worship you here today, open our minds to your leading, our hearts to your presence, and our ears to hear your words. Help us to see your guidance as an invitation. We want to live a life following the pattern of your son, Jesus Christ. Show us how to live in a way that honours you and all of your creation. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Music for Gathering

Medley of Hymns

Karen Martin

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”
(Paul Baloche)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you, we turn to you.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you, we long for you.

When we’re with you, we find strength to face the day,

In your presence all our fears are met, and from our hearts we say:

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Life-light of God shine on us, you bring the age of ages.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#92

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for Godly Play (younger group) and Oasis (older group).

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev’ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“Goliath”

Sanctuary Choir

(Words: Paul Williams; Music: Joseph Martin)

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

Confession

Kayely Rich

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Take Time to Be Holy”

#441, vs 1, 3, 4

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God’s children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, let him be thy Guide;
And run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**

**Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.**

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p. 186, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:1-8

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

All: Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,

Leader: Who also do no wrong but walk in his ways. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

All: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Leader: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

All: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

Leader: I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

*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.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (p. 167, New Testament section)

*Gospel lesson: Matthew 5:21-37 (pp. 4-5, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Winter Tune-Up”

Cheryl Johnston

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Cleanse Me”

#438, vs 1-3

**Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.**

**I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill thy word, and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify thy name.**

**Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord—in me abide.**

Prayers of the People

Merv Hepting

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

*Response of Praise

“Praise the Lord”
(Arr. Jeff Sotropa)

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I’m redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name!
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!
To God be the glory now and forever,
Praise his holy name!**

*Benediction

Cheryl Johnston

Music for Departing

“Prelude in C”
(Johann Krebs)

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 and enjoy some refreshments together.

For those of you on Zoom, after the Music for Departing, a breakout group 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 the group and hear how others are doing.

Lyrics for "Goliath"

Goliath was a mighty man, he stood over ten feet tall.

Goliath was a mighty man, he had a lot of gall.

He laughed at David and David's God,

He made fun of old King Saul.

Goliath was a mighty man, but you should have seen him fall.

Fee fi fo fum, fee fi fo fum.

Goliath was a mighty man, he was a warrior bold.

Goliath was a mighty man, his temper uncontrolled.

He laughed at David and David's God,

He made fun of old King Saul.

Goliath was a mighty man, but you should have seen him,

Yes, you should have seen him, O, you should have seen him fall.

Now you've made me mad. You are just a lad.

Birds and beasts will have a feast. Prepare to meet your God!

David stood up to Goliath, he didn't even have a sword.

All he had was five round rocks and the power of the Lord.

He put a rock in his old sling-shot and when that stone had flown,

It hit Goliath between the eyes, and he let out a groan!

Goliath was a mighty man, he stood over ten feet tall.

Goliath was a mighty man, until he lost it all.

He laughed at David and David's God,

He made fun of old King Saul.

He wasn't really great at all.

You should have seen him, yes, you should have seen him,

You should have seen him fall!

Coming up in February...

Tuesday, February 21st	Shrove Tuesday Celebration
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Wednesday, February 22nd	Ash Wednesday Service
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Breathe in me, Spirit of God, that I may think what is **holy**;
Drive me, Spirit of God, that I may do what is **holy**;
Draw me, Spirit of God, that I may love what is **holy**;
Strengthen me, Spirit of God, that I may preserve what is **holy**;
Guard me, Spirit of God, that I may never lose what is **holy**.

—St. Augustine