



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

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

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**Silent Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we believe your only begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended into your presence. May we ourselves also live there with him in heart and mind and spirit until the day of his return. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering “Prelude in E Major;” “Refiner’s Fire/Take Time to be Holy” Alison Purdy  
(J.S. Bach; Brian Doerksen/George C. Stebbins; Arr. Carol Tornquist)

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

\*The Introit

“Come, People of the Risen King”  
(Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

**Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of Grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev’ry tongue rejoice!**

**One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ rejoice! (2x)**

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.**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

Welcoming One Another

## **We Approach God**

\*Hymn of Praise      “Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending”      (Tune: Helmsley)

*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).*

**Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand, thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train.**

**Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,  
Shall the true Messiah see.**

**Now redemption, long expected,  
See in solemn pomp appear:  
And his saints, by all rejected,  
Thrill the trumpet sound to hear:  
Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia!  
See the day of God appear.**

**Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour take the power and glory,  
Claim the kingdom for thine own.  
O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly!  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach                      “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”  
(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Michael Farren)

**What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!”  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side, the Saviour, he will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, his power is displayed.**

**To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price it has been paid;  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free!”  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home;  
And day by day, I know he will renew me,  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me.”**

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 192, New Testament section)

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 7:1, 9-10, 13-14 (p. 828, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**All: God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Leader: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**All: For the shields of the earth belong to God; God is highly exalted.**

\*Gloria Patri

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**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 24:44-53 (p. 91, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Called to Sit with Jesus”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

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**Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
To his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!**

**There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!  
He hath conquered death and sin, alleluia!  
Take the King of Glory in! Alleluia!**

**See, he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See, he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, alleluia!  
Blessings on his church below. Alleluia!**

**Lord, beyond our mortal sight, alleluia!  
Raise our hearts to reach thy height, alleluia!  
There thy face unclouded see, alleluia!  
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!**

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                      “The Passion”  
(Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood & Chris Davenport)

**The passion of our Saviour,  
The mercy of our God.  
The cross that leaves no question  
Of the measure of his love.**

**Our chains are gone,  
Our debt is paid,  
The cross has overthrown the grave;  
For Jesus’ blood that sets us free,  
Means death to death  
And life for me.**

**(2x)**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the 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.

Coming up in May...

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Friday, May 26th, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Pentecost Gathering (for all ages)

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Saturday, May 27th, 9:30 am

Ladies Fellowship Breakfast

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Coming up in June...

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Sunday, June 4th, following worship service

Missions Lebanon Fundraiser

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Sunday, June 11th, 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Annual Church Picnic

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*For more information about any of these events, please see the current newsletter or visit our website at [firstbaptistregina.ca](http://firstbaptistregina.ca).*