



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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**Silent Prayer:** Almighty God, you are the source of life and purpose, out of true freedom we joyfully and lovingly serve you: To you alone be the glory in heaven and on earth, now and forever. Amen.

Music for Gathering "Prelude No.2" Calla-Dawn Brooks  
(Bach)

Opportunities for Life and Service Kayely Rich

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 Kayely Rich

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**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Thine is the Glory”

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*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).*

**Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;  
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

**Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;  
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us. Risen from the tomb,  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

**Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;  
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan with thy power and love.**

**Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;  
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“It is Well With My Soul”  
(Arr. John Ness Beck)

John Nelson  
Bev Dyck, piano

## **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Reader

Lynne MacPherson

New Testament Lesson: Acts 10:30-43 (pp. 129-130, New Testament section)

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10 (p. 237, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Leader: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

**All: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.**

Leader: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

**All: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;**

Leader: For your name's sake lead me and guide me; take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

**All: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

Leader: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**All: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

\*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: John 15:5-17 (pp. 109-110, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“How Now Shall We Live?”

Mark Anderson

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Approach

**“Agnus Dei”**  
(Michael W. Smith)

**Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.**

**Alleluia. Holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.**

**You are holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.**

**Amen.**

\*Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ God’s only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Gift of Music

**“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”**  
(Bach)

Sanctuary Choir  
Alaina Majewski, flute

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

Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Call to Confession

Assurance of Pardon

## The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed..., saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers for Mark and Roxanne Anderson

Jonathan Anderson

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

## 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

## Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Communion (All communion wafers are gluten free)

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

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**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save;  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of heav’n: One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit through him given from yonder glorious throne.  
To thee be endless praise for thou for us hast died;  
Be thou, oh Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.**

\*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

Mark Anderson

Music for Departing

“Prelude in C Minor”  
(Bach)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Thank you to Bev Dyck and Alaina Majewski for helping to lead us in worship today.

*A note from Mark...*

*I am overwhelmed with thankfulness that I have been able to share in the music ministry at First Baptist for three plus decades. I am deeply grateful for the congregation's support, for the abiding friendships that have been forged, and for the privilege of having been able to serve alongside numerous pastors, musicians and board members, including Bev Dyck, Christa Walsh, George Baxter, Joel Russell-MacLean, and, of course, especially John Nelson, whose support, ministry and friendship enriched my time as organist.*

*I will miss all the people of First Baptist and the church community where my sons grew up, but will carry with me cherished memories of each of you and the community, which truly has been "A Place to Belong."*

*May "the word of Christ dwell in you richly" and may God sustain, guide and bless First Baptist Church, its ministries, and its people.*

*—Mark Anderson*

Following the worship service, we will have a farewell meal and program for Mark in the lower hall. Everyone is invited.

Lyrics for "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, love most bright;

Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring,  
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd,  
With the fire of life impassioned,

Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, love most bright.

### Coming up in May...

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Tuesday - Thursday, May 16th - 18th	Work and Prayer Retreat
Saturday, May 20th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Men's Breakfast
Friday, May 26th, 4:30 - 7:30 pm	Pentecost Gathering (for all ages)
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
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).*