



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, June 18, 2023

Third Sunday After Pentecost

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

Silent Prayer: Father in heaven, you have sown in our hearts the seed of the gospel of your Son Jesus Christ. Under the care of the Holy Spirit, may that seed produce fruit suitable to your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“To God Be the Glory”

#66

**To God be the glory—great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory—great things he hath done!**

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.**

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

#1

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).

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Our Great God”
(Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell)

**Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unending, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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**Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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**Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his word.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:3-6 (p. 199, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119: 9-16

Leader: How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

All: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

Leader: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

All: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

Leader: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

All: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

Leader: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

All: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

*Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:1-9 (p. 13, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Seeds Planted Everywhere”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“This is my Father’s World”

#58

**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.**

**This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father’s world, oh let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.**

**This is my Father’s world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died will be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.**

Prayers of the People

Derrick Bellows

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

* Hymn for Departing

“Who You Say I Am”
(Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan)

**Who am I that the highest King,
Would welcome me?
I was lost but he brought me in,
Oh his love for me,
Oh his love for me.**

**Who the Son sets free,
Is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.
In my Father's house,
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.**

*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 June...

Tuesday, June 20th, 1:00 - 2:30 pm	“North of 60” Afternoon Tea and Social
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Saturday, June 24th, 8:30 - 10:00 am	Men’s Breakfast
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Sunday, June 25th, 11:00 am	Grad Sunday
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For more information about any of these events, please see the current newsletter or visit our website at firstbaptistregina.ca.