



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, June 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, when we look at the cosmos, the work of your hands, we are in awe of you. Who are we that you pay attention to our individual lives? And yet we have seen and heard that you have answered prayers. Thank you for the dramatic signs of your presence and goodness. Often we cannot see that you are at work, day and night, in a myriad of small ways. May we show our trust in you by sharing peace, hope, and joy with people around us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

“Arabesque No. 1”
(Claude Debussy)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes

Oluseye Popoola

*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

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.**

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“And Can It Be”

#203

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).

**And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

Refrain:

**Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**

**He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.**

**Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray: I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**

**No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

**Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**

Children's Blessing

Honouring Our Grads

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Kayely Rich

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Speak O Lord”

(Stuart Townend & Keith Getty)

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,
And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.**

Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 4:4-10 (p. 881, Old Testament section)

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 6:7-10 (p. 191, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119: 17-24

Leader: Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word.

All: Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Leader: I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me.

All: My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times.

Leader: You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments;

All: Take away from me their scorn and contempt, for I have kept your decrees.

Leader: Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.

All: Your decrees are my delight; they are my counselors.

*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: Matthew 13:31-35 (pp. 14-15, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Do Not Despise the Small Thing”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Heaven Came Down”

#495

**O what a wonderful, wonderful day—day I will never forget;
After I’d wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Saviour I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend—he met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, he made all the darkness depart!**

Refrain:

**Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross my Saviour made me whole;
My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day—
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!**

**Born of the Spirit with life from above into God’s family divine,
Justified fully thru Calvary’s love, oh what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made when as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace he did proffer—he saved me, oh praise his dear name!**

Refrain

**Now I’ve a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.
And it’s because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal from his precious hand I received.**

Refrain

Prayers of the People

Jennifer Holtslander

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

“Trumpet Voluntary”
(Gordon Young)

Oluseye Popoola

***** Please note that beginning next Sunday, July 2nd, through (and including) September 3rd, our morning worship service will begin at 10:00 A.M.**

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.

Graduates

Graduating from Godly Play into Oasis:

Hamza Guruka

Graduating from Oasis into Youth:

Oliver Wollbaum

Maizy Russell-MacLean

Cohen Shumay

Graduating from Grade 8:

Maddox Yeo

Peregrin Holstlander

Nuru Guruka

Eden Field

Graduating from Grade 12:

Rowan Russell-MacLean

Graduating from Post-Secondary:

Adam Johnston – Diploma in Resource and Environmental Law

Music Scholarships Recipients

Jean Graham Music and Service Scholarship: Xavier Russell-MacLean

Shirley Eaton Senior Scholarship: Adoniram Holtslander

Ruth Nelson Intermediate Scholarship: Peregrin Holtslander

Rheta Usher Junior Scholarship: Maizy Russell-MacLean

Coming up in July...

Sunday, July 2nd, 10:00 am	Worship service – please note summer start time
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Sunday, July 2nd, 5:00 pm	Backyard BBQ at Mark & Cheryl Johnston's farm
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For more information about this event, please see the current newsletter or visit our website at firstbaptistregina.ca.