



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: God you are our Good Shepherd. You care for every one of us and especially for the weak and vulnerable. Help us to stay close to you and not wander away. Thank you that when we do wander, you come and find us. Help us also to notice those who are lost and come alongside to restore them to the community of God. And may we rejoice together at their return! Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“Father of Lights”

(John Barnett)

Father of Lights, you delight in your children. (2x)

Every good and perfect gift comes from you, (3x)

Father of lights.

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

“Jesus Loves Me”

#579

The children are invited to come forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship.

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven’s gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
He’s prepared a home for me, and some day his face I’ll see.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Ron Phillips

We Listen to God

***Hymn of Approach “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

#2

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise his name - I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.**

**Hither to thy love has blest me thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know thy hand will bring me; safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

“God Is So Good”

#41

**God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, he's so good to me!**

**He cares for me, he cares for me,
He cares for me, he's so good to me!**

**I love him so, I love him so,
I love him so, he's so good to me!**

**I praise his name, I praise his name,
I praise his name, he's so good to me!**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:41-48

Leader: Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise.

All: Then I shall have an answer for those who taunt me, for I trust in your word.

Leader: Do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your ordinances.

All: I will keep your law continually, forever and ever.

Leader: I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts.

All: I will so speak of your decrees before kings, and shall not be put to shame;

Leader: I find my delight in your commandments, because I love them.

All: I revere your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

*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 18:1-14

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Cheryl Johnston

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Simple Kingdom”

(Torwalt, Cody Carnes, Duncan)

**Your kingdom is simple, as simple as love.
You welcomed the children, you stopped for the one.
We want to see people the way Jesus does.
Your kingdom is simple, Lord, teach it to us.**

**Your kingdom is humble, as humble as death.
Its king is a saviour, who gave his last breath.
So may we die daily, our pride laid to rest.
His kingdom is humble and the broken are blessed.**

**Hallelujah! Hallowed be your name.
May we live and breathe your praise.
And, hallelujah! Let all creation say:
“Oh, the King of Heaven reigns”**

**Your kingdom is backwards, it flows in reverse.
What you call a treasure, this world calls a curse.
The small become great and the last become first.
Your kingdom is backwards, Lord, teach us to serve.
As it is with your kingdom, let it be with your church**

**Hallelujah! Hallowed be your name.
May we live and breathe your praise.
And, hallelujah! Let all creation say:
“Oh, the King of Heaven reigns”**

Prayers of the People

Norma 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

Norma Holtslander

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

"Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son. (2x)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)**

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Benediction

Cheryl Johnston

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the service, you are invited to meet in front of the church, weather permitting, for a time of fellowship and a cold beverage.

Coming Up In July...

July 16	6:30 pm	Patio Party hosted by Rob & Tiffany
July 18	1:00 pm	“North of 60” Afternoon Tea & Social
July 22	8:30 am	Men’s Breakfast
July 23	6:30 pm	Patio Party: Len & Martha and Carmen & Bryan
July 29	10:30 am	Host Saturday Lunch Program
