



# First Baptist Church

**Worship Service for Sunday, July 23, 2023**

Eighth 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:** Jesus Christ, before I was ready to apologize to you, you laid down your life for me. Grow my understanding of your mercy and love. Change my heart so that I might be able to show this same love and mercy to the people in my life and the people I meet each day. In your name I pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service Cheryl Johnston

\*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

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**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious redeemer, my saviour art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love thee because thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,  
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin  
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.”**

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 50:15-19

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:49-56

Leader: Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.

**All: This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.**

Leader: The arrogant utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.

**All: When I think of your ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O Lord.**

Leader: Indignation seizes me because of the wicked, those who forsake your law.

**All: Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home.**

Leader: I remember your name in the night, O Lord, and keep your law.

**All: This blessing has fallen to me, for I have kept your precepts.**

\*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: Matthew 18:21-35

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

**“Love Lifted Me”**

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(Torwalt, Cody Carnes, Duncan)

**I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
But the master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me - now safe am I.**

**Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me;  
Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.**

**All my heart to him I give, ever to him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live, ever his praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too, to him belongs.**

**Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me;  
Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.**

**Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by his love out of the angry waves.  
He's the master of the sea, billows his will obey;  
He your saviour wants to be - be saved today.**

**Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me;  
Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.**

Prayers of the People

Chris Senger

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

Chris Senger

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

*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 and August

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July 23	6:30 pm	Patio Party: Carmen & Bryan
July 29	10:30 am	Host Saturday Lunch Program
Aug 6	4: 00 pm	Block party and BBQ: Heather and Joel's

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