



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, July 30, 2023

Ninth 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: Heavenly Father, we thank you for our lives, for every good thing in our lives, and most of all, for our salvation. All of these are gifts from you. There is nothing we could have done to earn any of it. Help us to rejoice also, free from envy, at how much you give to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

*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

Chris Senger

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

“I Will Not Be Shaken”

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

**I will declare my choice to the nations.
I will shout for joy to the congregation.
I will worship God, worship God,
All my days.**

**Those who love the Lord are satisfied.
Those who trust in him are justified.
I will serve my God, serve my God,
All my days.**

**When the nations crumble,
The word of the Lord will stand.
Kings may rise and fall,
But his love will endure.
Though the strong may stumble,
The joy of the Lord is strength, to my soul,
And I will not be shaken;
I will not be moved;
I will not be shaken.**

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

Children's Blessing

Chris Senger

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach “If You Will Only Let God Guide You”

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**If you will only let God guide you, and hope in him thru all your ways,
Whatever comes, he'll stand beside you, to bear you thru the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the Rock that cannot move.**

**Only be still, and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er the Father's pleasure and all discerning love have sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known to him who chose us for his own.**

**Sing, pray, and swerve not from his ways, but do your part in conscience true;
Trust his rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in you;
God hears the call of those in need, the souls that trust in him indeed.**

**“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 coming, your kingdom is here,
Alive in our waiting, our work and our tears.
So come to us quickly - forever our prayer -
Your Kingdom is coming, Lord Jesus come near**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-11

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:49-56

Leader: The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

All: I implore your favour with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

Leader: When I think of your ways, I turn my feet to your decrees;

All: I hurry and do not delay to keep your commandments.

Leader: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

All: At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous ordinances.

Leader: I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

All: The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes.

*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 20:1-16

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Send the Light”

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There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,

"Send the light! Send the light!"

There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,

Send the light! Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore!

We have heard the Macedonian call today,

"Send the light! Send the light!"

And a golden offering at the cross we lay,

Send the light! Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore!

Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound,

"Send the light! Send the light!"

And a Christ-like spirit everywhere be found,

Send the light! Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore!

Let us not grow weary in the work of love,

"Send the light! Send the light!"

Let us gather jewels for a crown above,

Send the light! Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore!

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

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

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

Aug 6	4:00 pm	Block party and BBQ: Heather and Joel's
Aug 9	10:00 am	Prayer walk
Aug 15	1:00 pm	North of Sixty - Special Guest: Regina's Downtown Community Support Team
Aug 19	10:30 am	Hosting Saturday Lunch Program
Aug 20	6:30 om	Patio Party: Lynette and Evan Wollbaum
Aug 27	6:30 pm	Patio Party: Kevin and Julie Rich
