



# First Baptist Church

**Worship Service for Sunday, July 9, 2023**

Sixth 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**

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**Silent Prayer:** Help me to seek you, Jesus, with all my heart. Help me to marvel in you as a treasure that is greater than anything and everything I can imagine. May I put my complete trust in you and your patient way of working in our world. Amen.

Music for Gathering

“Nocturne in B Major, op. 9, no. 3”  
(Frédéric Chopin)

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)**

**And 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

“Better is One Day”

by Matt Redman

*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for their class.*

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty;  
My soul longs and even faints for you.  
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence;  
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.**

**Better is one day in your courts. Better is one day in your house.  
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (x2)  
Than thousands elsewhere.**

**One thing I ask, and I would seek - to see your beauty  
To find you in the place your glory dwells. (x2)**

**Better is one day in your courts. Better is one day in your house.  
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere. (x2)  
Than thousands elsewhere.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

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## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“Be Thou My Vision”

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**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I, thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won;  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:25-40

Leader: I lie in the dust, revive me by your word.

**All: I told you my plans, and you answered. Now teach me your decrees.**

Leader: Help me understand the meaning of your commandments, and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.

**All: I weep with sorrow; encourage me by your word.**

Leader: Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing your instructions.

**All: I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your regulations.**

Leader: I cling to your laws. Lord, don't let me be put to shame!

**All: I will pursue your commands, for you expand my understanding.**

Leader: Teach me your decrees, O Lord; I will keep them to the end.

**All: Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart.**

Leader: Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found.

**All: Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money!**

Leader: Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word.

**All: Reassure me of your promise, made to those who fear you.**

Leader: Help me abandon my shameful ways; for your regulations are good.

**All: I long to obey your commandments! Renew my life with your goodness.**

\*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 13:44-53

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response      “Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”  
(John Bell & Graham Maule; Arr. John Bell)

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,**

**Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,**

**Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.**

**In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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**

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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

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

Festive Trumpet Tune  
(David German)

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...

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July 12	10:00 am	Downtown Prayer Walk
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

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