



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, August 27, 2023

Thirteenth 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: Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering Moonlight Sonata, 2nd Mvmt Xavier Russell-MacLean
(Beethoven)

Opportunities for Life and Service Kayely Rich

*The Introit "Joyful, Joyful" #1

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

Call to Worship and Prayer John Hillmer

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

“Freely, Freely”

#447

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

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his love as he told me to.**

**He said “Freely, freely you have received: freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”**

**All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name:
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me to.**

**He said “Freely, freely you have received: freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

John Hillmer

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach: "Come, All Christians Be Committed"

#455, v.1,2,4

**Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the lord.
Make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness, each his sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.**

**Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Saviour, tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work with him find favour, and with joy his praises sing.**

**Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.
Worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.**

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:97-104

Leader: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

All: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

All: I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

Leader: I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

All: I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

All: Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

*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 25:14-30

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Cheryl Johnston

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Take My Life”

#379

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

**Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

**Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

**Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.**

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

**Take my intellect and use every pow’r as thou shalt choose,
Every pow’r as thou shalt choose.**

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

**Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.**

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

**Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.**

Prayers of the People

Kayely Rich

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Kayely Rich

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“King of Kings”

(Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood)

**In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
Till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin, came the Word,
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of kings!**

**To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, you died.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of kings!**

**And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath.
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,
Now the souls of all who come to the Father are restored.**

**And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his name, in his freedom, I am free,
Through the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of kings!**

*Benediction

Cheryl Johnston

Music for Departing

Festival March in C
(Stanley Winn)

Oluseye Popoola

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

Coming Up In August

Aug 27	6:30 pm	Patio Party: At the home of Kevin and Julie Rich Co-hosted by both (unrelated) Rich Families
Aug 31		Children's Area Workday (New Date) Please RSVP to Cheryl

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