



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, July 30, 2023

Tenth 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, help us to know and to delight in your will in our daily lives. We need your help to hear you and to discern your will, especially when it challenges our personal agenda, fears, shame, pride, or hard-heartedness. Lord, have mercy on us. In Jesus' name we prayer. Amen.

Music for Gathering Sonata in G Major, K. 283, mov. 1 Grace Liu
(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

Opportunities for Life and Service Joel Russell-MacLean

*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 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

“Glorious Is Thy Name, Most Holy”

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

**Glorious is thy name, Most Holy, God and Father of us all;
We thy servants bow before thee, strive to answer every call.
Thou with life's great good hast blest us, cared for us from earliest years;
Unto thee our thanks we render; thy deep love overcomes all fears.**

**For our world of need and anguish we would lift to thee our prayer.
Faithful stewards of thy bounty may we with our brothers share.
In the name of Christ our Saviour, who redeems and sets us free,
Gifts we bring of heart and treasure, that our lives may worthier be.**

**In the midst of time we journey, from thy hand comes each new day;
We would use it in thy service, humbly, wisely, while we may.
So to thee, Lord and Creator, praise and honour we accord;
Thine the earth and thine the heavens, through all the Eternal Word.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation:

“Jesus, All for Jesus”

**Jesus, all for Jesus: all I am and have and ever hope to be.
All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans, I surrender these into your hands.**

**For it's only in your will that I am free.
For it's only in your will that I am free.
Jesus, all for Jesus: all I am and have and ever hope to be.**

**I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.**

**I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Saviour, wholly thine;
May thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy power divine.**

**I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

Scripture Reader

Chris Senger

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 29:13-14

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:65-72

Leader: You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord, according to your word.

All: Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

Leader: Before I was humbled I went astray, but now I keep your word.

All: You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

Leader: The arrogant smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.

All: Their hearts are thick like fat, but I delight in your law.

Leader: It is good for me that I was humbled, so that I might learn your statutes.

All: The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach

“Here I am Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to the Supper

Kayely Rich

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Consecration

Kayely Rich

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Kayely Rich

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Communion

We Respond to God

*Hymn for Response

“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,
For the souls of all who'd 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,
For 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!**

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Diademata Fantasy”
(David L. McIntyre)

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 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 pm	Patio Party: Lynette and Evan Wollbaum
Aug 27	6:30 pm	Patio Party: Kevin and Julie Rich