



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, October 1st, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery.

The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary.

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

Truth and Reconciliation Day - September 30

We acknowledge that First Baptist Church is situated on Treaty 4 lands. We respectfully acknowledge that these are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšînāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation. We are all treaty people.

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty Father, you gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

Morning Chimes

*The Introit

"Agnus Dei"

(by Michael W. Smith)

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia. Holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

You are holy! Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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

“Days of Elijah”

(Robin Mark)

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

**These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying “Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”**

**Behold he comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it’s the year of jubilee, and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.**

**These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in your world;
And we are the labourers in your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord.**

**Behold he comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it’s the year of jubilee, and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.**

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy, selected verses

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 11

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven. The Lord's eyes behold; his gaze examines humankind.

All: The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked; and the Lord's soul hates the lover of violence.

Leader: On the wicked the Lord will rain coals of fire and sulphur; a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

All: For the Lord is righteous; the Lord loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

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 5:21-22

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach

“Behold the Lamb”

(Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we
share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us
one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember Our
call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.**

*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

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

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

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

“Jesus Paid it All”

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**I hear the Saviour say, “Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**Lord, now indeed I find thy pow’r and thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in Godly Play and Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.