



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, September 10th, 2023

Fifteenth 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.*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, as creator of heaven and earth the foundations of the universe are visible to you and you know the way of order and abundant life: help us to surrender our theories of how the world works and to rebuild our daily lives upon your revealed love and salvation. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes

Oluseye Popoola

*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.

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

*Hymn of Praise

“Seek Ye First”

#42

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

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you— Allelu, Alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you— Allelu, Alleluia!**

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

#435

**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.**

God spoke all these words:

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work.

Honour your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

Neither shall you commit adultery.

Neither shall you steal.

Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbour.

Neither shall you covet your neighbour's wife. Neither shall you desire your neighbour's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Children's Blessing

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

John Hillmer

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach “Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”
(Words: Margaret Becker; Music: Keith Getty)

**Jesus draw me ever nearer as I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow, though I'm worn.**

**May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing, with your likeness let me wake.**

**Jesus guide me through the tempest; keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more.**

**May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing, with your likeness let me wake.**

**Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go—
And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at your throne.**

**May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing, with your likeness let me wake.**

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims
God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech and night to night declares knowledge.

**All: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
Yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the
end of the world.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

All: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

All: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

*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 5:17-20

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

#51

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah! Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more (I want no more),
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open thou the crystal fountain, whence the healing streams do flow,
Let the fire, cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield (my strength and shield),
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to thee (I'll sing to thee),
I will ever sing to 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Kayely Rich

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Build My Life”

(by Pat Barrett)

**Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you,
Open up my eyes in wonder.
Show me who you are and fill me with your love
And lead me in your love to those around me.**

**I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken.
I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

Following the service, everyone is invited downstairs for our kickoff BBQ.

Coming up in September

Sept 13	10:00 am	Prayer Walk
	10:00am	Bible Reading Group Resumes
	7:00 pm	Voice 'Book Pitch'
Sept 14	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sept 15	6:00 pm	Youth Kick Off
Sept 17	12:15 pm	Children's Volunteer Training Refresher
Sept 19	1:00 pm	North of 60
Sept 22		Pastor Cheryl departs to Lebanon
Sept 24	9:30 am	Learning for Life begins: The Book of Isaiah
Sept 30	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast

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