



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, September 24th, 2023

Seventeenth 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: God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbour: fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with affection. In Jesus Christ name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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

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

“I Cannot Tell”

(Fullerton; Londonderry Air)

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

**I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
Should set his love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wand’rers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
When Beth’hem’s manger was his only home,
And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
As with His peace he graced this place of tears,
Or how his heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.**

**I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
How he will claim his earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.**

**I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.**

***Unison Confession of the Ten Commandments**

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession of Sin

Kayely Rich

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

***Hymn of Approach “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”**

(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Michael Farren)

**What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day, I know he will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me.”**

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 15:7-18; 23:19; 23:24-25; 24:10-15

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the Lord! How joyful are those who fear the Lord and delight in obeying his commands.

All: Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous.

Leader: Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly.

All: Such people will not be overcome by evil. Those who are righteous will be long remembered.

Leader: They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them.

All: They are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly.

Leader: They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honour.

All: The wicked will see this and be infuriated. They will grind their teeth in anger; they will slink away, their hopes thwarted.

*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 6:19-24

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Annabel Robinson

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Take My Life”

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**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

Dell Bornowsky

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

Annabel Robinson

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

“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.

Coming up in September...

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| Sept 30 | 8:30 am | Men's Breakfast |
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