



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Twentieth 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 our Father, you have made everything good and beautiful. You have made human beings for each other. Holy Spirit, fill us and help us to love one another by controlling our eyes and hands, our hearts and minds. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Allison Purdy

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

#559

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

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 Sing the Mighty Power of God”

#59

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

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!**

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

“Holiness (Take My Life)”

(by Scott Underwood)

**Holiness, holiness is what I long for.
Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what you want for me.**

**So, take my heart and mold it,
Take my mind, transform it,
Take my will, conform it,
To yours, to yours, my Lord.**

**Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for.
Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what you want for me,**

**So, take my heart and mold it,
Take my mind, transform it,
Take my will, conform it,
To yours, to yours, my Lord.**

***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

Ron Phillips

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“The God of Abraham Praise”

#34

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I Am! by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.**

**The great I Am has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,
And sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.**

**The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;
A land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.**

**The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I Am, we worship thee!"**

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 22:13-22

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:41-48

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

#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 5:27-28, 31-32

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Grace Greater than our Sin”

#201

**Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.**

**Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!**

**Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.**

**Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!**

**Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can we do to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Brighter than snow you may be today.**

**Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!**

**Marvellous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face,
Will you this moment his grace receive?**

**Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!**

Prayers of the People

Hilary Ryan

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

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#560

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*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.

Coming up in October...

Oct 13-15		Church Retreat Weekend
Oct 16	7:30 pm	Sensible Shoes Spiritual Formation Group
Oct 17	1:00 pm	North of 60 Afternoon Tea
	7:00 pm	Cheryl's Lebanon Trip Presentation
Oct 21	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
		Women's Breakfast
Oct 22	12:15 pm	Missions Lunch with the Botros Family
Nov 3	5:00 pm	Intergenerational

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