



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

Twenty-first 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: Father in heaven, you come to earth and you do not keep silent. You will hold everyone accountable. Help us to be grateful for all that we have thanks to you and to live for you not only in word but in deed. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen

Music for Gathering

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

Morning Chimes

*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

Kayely Rich

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

“Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty”

#61

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

**Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses, all burst forth at your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, Great Creator, God and friend,
Boundless power gave full expression to your love which knows no end.**

**Who am I that you should love me, meet my every need from birth?
Why invest yourself so fully in a creature made of earth?
In Your loving heart you planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul you breathed your Spirit, planted your own image there.**

**I am yours, Eternal Father, all my body, mind, and heart.
Take and use me to your glory, form yourself in every part.
Lord, your love brings joy and gladness flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being rise to you, their source and goal.**

“Change My Heart O God”

(by Eddie Espinosa)

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true,
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

**You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.**

*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

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach “May the Mind of Christ, my Saviour” #390, v 1-3, 5

**May the mind of Christ, my Saviour, live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.**

**May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.**

**May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.**

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-5

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 50

Leader: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

All: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

Leader: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

All: For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?"

Leader: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

All: Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Leader: But to the wicked God says, "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips?"

All: For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.

Leader: Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

All: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me; to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God."

*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 12:1-7

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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

“We’re Marching to Zion”

#555, vs 1, 3, 4

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heav’nly fields, before we reach the heav’nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Then let our songs abound, and ev’ry tear be dry.
We’re marching thro’ Immanuel’s ground,
We’re marching thro’ Immanuel’s ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

Prayers of the People

Cheryl Johnston

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

Cheryl Johnston

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

Mission Luncheon Today

All are welcome to the lower hall following worship.

Cheryl Johnston will be sharing highlights and pictures from her weeks in Beirut, at the Seminary, the Middle-East Conference, and visiting churches.

Emad and Almess Botros will join us live from Beirut.

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 22	12:15 pm	Missions Lunch - live from Beirut
Nov 3	5:00 pm	Intergenerational Supper and Activities

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