



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, October 29th, 2023

Twenty-second 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 participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Lord God, each day, we make choices to follow you or turn our backs on you. Would you help us now to reflect on your immense love for us so that we may experience your goodness and long to turn to you more and more. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Alison Purdy

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes

*The Introit

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

#559, v1

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

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

“How Great Thou Art”

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

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

***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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach: "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

#211

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.**

**Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.**

"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 30:11-20

OT, p. 186

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 119:1-8

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

All: Happy are those who keep the Lord's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart, who also do no wrong but walk God's ways.

Leader: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

All: O that our ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Leader: Then we shall not be put to shame, having our eyes fixed on all your commandments.

All: We will praise you with an upright heart, when we learn your righteous ordinances.

Leader: We will observe your statutes;

All: Do not utterly forsake us.

*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 7:12-14,24-27

NT, p. 7

Epistle Lesson: James 1:19-27; 2:8-13

NT, p. 229

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Kayely Rich

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“I Will Not Be Shaken”

(Vineyard)

**I will declare my choice to the nations.
I will shout for joy to the congregation.
I will worship God, worship God,
All my days.**

**Those who love the Lord are satisfied.
Those who trust in him are justified.
I will serve my God, serve my God,
All my days.**

**When the nations crumble,
The word of the Lord will stand.
Kings may rise and fall,
But his love will endure.
Though the strong may stumble,
The joy of the Lord is strength, to my soul,
And I will not be shaken;
I will not be moved;
I will not be shaken.**

Prayers of the People

Ron Phillips

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.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Ron Phillips

Coming Up In November

Nov 2	7:00 pm	Seasonal Singers' Choir Rehearsals Begin
Nov 3	5:00 pm	All Saints' Day Intergenerational Celebration Including an International Potluck
Nov 5	10:00 am	Children Arrive to Prepare for Service
	11:00 am	Intergenerational Worship Service
Nov 19	12:15 pm	Fall Business Meeting

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