



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, October 8, 2023

Nineteenth 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: Most gracious God, we praise you for the harvest you have granted us and the many other blessings we enjoy. Thank you for all those who have ensured we have food to enjoy. Bless their work. Bless also our work, teaching us both the joy of hard work and the peace that comes from resting in you. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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

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

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

#578

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

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors and he made their tiny wings.
The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning light that brightens up the sky.**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden now, he made them every one.
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is the God Almighty, who has made all things well.**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.**

“Be Still and Know”

#343

Be still and know that I am God. (x3)

I am the Lord that healeth thee. (x3)

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich

God at Work in Our Lives

The Saturday Lunch Program

Confession of Sin

Kayely Rich

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach: "King of Kings"
(Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood)

**In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light,
Till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes,
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin, came the Word,
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!**

**To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, you died.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!**

**And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath.
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.**

**And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his name, in his freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!**

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Leader: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

All: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

All: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*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: Mark 2:23-28

NT, p. 36

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Kayely Rich

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#2

**Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise his name—I’m fixed upon it—name of God’s redeeming love.**

**Hitherto thy love has blest me; thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, oh take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

Following the service:

“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 11	10:00 am	Prayer Walk (meet at the church)
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	11:00 am	Emad Botros from Lebanon Preaching
	12:15 pm	Missions Lunch with the Botros Family

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