



# First Baptist Church

**Worship Service for Sunday, June 2nd, 2024**

2nd Sunday in 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**

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**Silent Prayer:** Creator of heaven and earth, remove from us our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh, that our worship and work would arise from a sincere love for you and for others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

\*The Introit

"King of Kings"

*(Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood )*

**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.**

*(Refrain:)*

**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 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,  
Through the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. *(Refrain)***

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**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Beautiful Saviour”

(Stuart Townend)

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

**All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the Fountain of delight;  
For in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

*(Refrain:)*

**Beautiful Saviour, wonderful Counsellor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, you're the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's champion, and you reign, you reign over all!**

**I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end. *(Refrain)***

**I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb! *(Refrain)***

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Preparation:            “Be Thou My Vision”

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**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I, thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won;  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Scripture Reader

Reade Holtslander

Epistle Lesson: The Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:17 - 4:6

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 139

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**All: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

**All: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**All: I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to John 6:32-35, 60-63, 66-69

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Approach: "The Unveiled Christ"

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**Once our blessed Christ of beauty was veiled off from human view;  
But thro' suffering, death and sorrow he has rent the veil in two.**

*(Refrain:)*

**O behold the Man of Sorrows, O behold him in plain view;  
Lo! He is the mighty conqu'ror, since he rent the veil in two.  
Lo! He is the mighty conqu'ror, since he rent the veil in two.**

**Now he is with God the Father, interceding there for you;  
For he is the mighty conqu'ror, since he rent the veil in two. *(Refrain)***

**Holy angels bow before him, men of earth give praises due;  
For he is the well-beloved, since he rent the veil in two. *(Refrain)***

**Thro'out time and endless ages, heights and depths of love so true;  
He alone can be the giver since he rent the veil in two. *(Refrain)***

\*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Call to the Supper

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Gift of Music                    “Bread of Heaven, Wine of Heaven”                    Sanctuary Choir  
*(Josiah Condor; Arr. Joseph M. Martin)*

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Lord on you alone we feed;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, for you satisfy our need.

Always may our hearts be fed, with your true and living bread.  
Day by day with strength supplied, through the life of Christ who died.

Wine of heaven, wine of heaven, O the joy your love supplies.  
Wine of heaven, wine of heaven, O blest cup of sacrifice.

By your wounds our sin forgive; to your cross we look and live.  
Christ our life! O let us be, dead to self and one with thee,  
Dead to self and one with thee.

Bread of heaven, wine of heaven.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All:            **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All:            **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All:            **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of the People

Derrick Bellows

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.**

The Words of Consecration

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Prayer for the Bread

Carol Hepting

Prayer for the Wine

Heather Russell-MacLean

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn for Response

“I Surrender All”

#366, v 1, 3, 4

*(Refrain:)*

**I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;**

**I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live. *(Refrain)***

**All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Saviour, wholly thine;**

**May thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy power divine. *(Refrain)***

**All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee.**

**Fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. *(Refrain)***

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“Praise the Lord”

*(arr. Jeff Sotropa)*

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,**

**He has washed and made me white as snow.**

**I’m redeemed from all my sin and shame.**

**Now and forever, praise his holy name!**

**Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!**

**To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy name!**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Prayers for Healing

Anyone who would like prayer for healing is invited to come forward following the worship service.

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.