



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

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: Holy Spirit, you are a river of life poured out over creation, renewing and refreshing all creatures and all who receive you. We praise you and celebrate your coming among us with joy. Apart from you there is no life. Come and live within us. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

**O spread the tidings 'round wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound: The Comforter has come!**

(Refrain:)

**The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from heaven, the Father's promise given;
O spread the tidings 'round wherever man is found—the Comforter has come!**

**Lo, the great King of kings with healing in his wings,
To every captive soul a full deliverance brings;
And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings:
The Comforter has come! *(Refrain)***

**Sing till the echoes fly above the vaulted sky,
And all the saints above to all below reply,
In strains of endless love, the song that ne'er will die:
The Comforter has come! *(Refrain)***

Call to Worship
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.

Leader: The Holy Spirit has descended to us! O come, let us worship.

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymns of Praise

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, o’er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,
And let thy righteousness on us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear, In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in ev’ry heart,
And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of pow’r.**

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sov’rign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“Come Down, Lord”

Sanctuary Choir

(Stan Pethel)

(Words included below)

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach “Open the Eyes of my Heart”

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love**

**As we sing holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you.**

“Spirit of the Living God”

By Audrey Assad

**O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon thy church once more and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace,
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.**

**Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow, until our minds are free,
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
To preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.**

**So shall we know the power of Christ, who came this world to save.
So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave.
And earth shall win true holiness which makes thy children whole,
Till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.**

Scripture Reader

Carmen Orthner

Old Testament Lesson: The Prophet Ezekiel 37:1-14, selected

O.T. page 806

Epistle Lesson: the Letter to the Romans 8:22-27

N.T. Page 158

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 104

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

Leader: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

All: When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Leader: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

All: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works

All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

*Gloria Patri

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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.

New Testament Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 2:1-5, 14, 16, 17 N.T. page 119

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Holy Spirit Is Life”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “All Creatures of Our God and King”

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All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,

O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,

Ye lights of evening, find a voice,

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy God to hear,

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,

That givest all both warmth and light,

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And ev’ryone, with tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,

O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,

Praise God and on him cast your care,

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,

O praise Him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayers of the People

Merv Hepting

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

"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

"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.

“Come Down, Lord”

(Stan Pethel)

Come down, Lord; dwell among us today.
Come down, Lord; send your Spirit, O Lord, we pray.

We are gathered in your name, Lord, we are here to lift you up;
We are praising who you are, Lord, you're the life that fills our cup.
We're believing all you've taught us, as we live from day to day;
We are asking for you blessing, and as one we come to say:

Won't you come down, Lord; dwell among us today.
Come down, Lord; send your Spirit, O Lord, today.

We are in your loving family, we are one in heart and soul;
We rejoice in your salvation, for your word has made us whole.
Bless the infants, bless the children, bless the young and bless the old;
Be our master, be our shepherd; as we gather in your fold.

Come down, Lord; dwell among us today.
Come down, Lord; send your Spirit, O Lord, we pray.

Won't you come down, Lord; dwell among us today.
Come down, Lord; send your Spirit, O Lord, we pray.
Send your Spirit, O Lord, we pray.

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