



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, June 23rd, 2024 Ordination Service for Christopher Senger

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.*

First Baptist Church Regina exists on Treaty 4 lands. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak (Cree), Anihšînāpēk (Saulteaux), and Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis. We are all treaty people.

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you; Jesus Christ, in your victory you distributed gifts among your people; Holy Spirit, you equip every believer. Almighty God, you have called all to serve and to build up the church; you have called some to ministry in the church. Holy Spirit, come upon us all but especially upon the one whose calling we celebrate today. Empower us to serve with love and wisdom, in righteousness and holiness, all to the glory of your name, the one and only God. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"Only Our Holy God"

"Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson"

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only our Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?

What other splendour outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice? Only our Holy God.

(Refrain:)

Come and behold him, the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship our Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated? Only our Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer his only Son?

Who else invites me to call him, Father? Only our Holy God. *(Refrain)*

Call to Worship

Prayer

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

*Hymns of Praise

“Our Great God”

(Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell)

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

**Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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**Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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**Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his word.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“As the Deer Pants”

by Martin Nystrom

**As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship you.**

(Refrain:)

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship you.**

**You’re my friend and you are my brother even though you are a king.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. *(Refrain)***

**I want you more than gold or silver only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. *(Refrain)***

Scripture Reader

Epistle Lesson: James 2:14-25

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 145

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; the Lord's greatness is unsearchable.

All: One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: They will recount the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

All: The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless the Lord's holy name forever and ever.

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 Matthew 22:36-40

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mark Doerksen

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah! Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more (I want no more),
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open thou the crystal fountain, whence the healing streams do flow,
Let the fire, cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield (my strength and shield),
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to thee (I'll sing to thee),
I will ever sing to thee.**

*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.**

Ordination of Christopher Senger

Mark Doerksen

Address to the congregation

Inquiry of Candidate

Inquiry of the Congregation: **With God's help, we will.**

Laying on of Hands and Ordination Prayer

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servant Chris, whom you have called. Grant him the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to him and to all who serve among your people, gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humour and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Presentation of Certificate of Ordination

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“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.**

Prayers of the People

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

Reverend Christopher Senger

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

“A Time For Friends”: Special Ordination Celebration

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for a celebration with cake and 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.