



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, August 4th, 2024

11th 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

Silent Prayer: Lord, grant us the spirit to always think and do what is right; so that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"Blessed be your name"

by Chris Tomlin

**Blessed be your name, when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.**

**Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.**

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

“Love Lifted Me”

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The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song and remain at the front until communion.

**I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me - now safe am I.**

Refrain:

**Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;
Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.**

**All my heart to him I give, ever to him I'll cling,
In his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to him belongs. *(Refrain)***

**Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by his love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows his will obey;
He your Saviour wants to be – be saved today. *(Refrain)***

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

by Keith Green

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord,

And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me

Scripture Reader

Sue Bornowsky

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

All: Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

All: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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.

Epistle Lesson: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-16

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Chris Senger

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach: "Praise the Father, Praise the Son" by Chris Tomlin

**O sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,
And fall before the throne of grace to you belongs the highest praise.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.**

**These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,
And ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory. (Refrain)**

**To the valley, for my soul; your great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever
flows. (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

Chris Senger

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

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

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.

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.

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“God of Our Fathers”

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**God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendour through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land with thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defence;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Chris Senger

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.