



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## **Worship Service for Sunday, July 7th, 2024**

7th 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:** God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbour: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

\*The Introit

“Seek Ye First”

#42

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you— Allelu, Alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you— Allelu, Alleluia!**

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

“Praise to the Lord”

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*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song.*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under his wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore him.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Preparation: "Change My Heart, O God"

*by Eddie Espinosa*

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mould me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

Scripture Reader

Adzo Baku

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-16

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Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 48

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**All: God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.**

Leader: Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defence. Then the kings assembled, they came on together. As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight;

**All: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.**

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.

**All: Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.**

Leader: Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation:

**All: This is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever. 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 Mark 6:1-13

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Kingdom Leaders, Kingdom Followers"

Ron Phillips

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Approach: "Rise Up O Church of God"

#293

**Rise up, O church of God! Have done with lesser things;  
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.**

**Rise up, O church of God! His kingdom tarries long;  
Bring in the day of unity and end the night of wrong.**

**Rise up, children of God! The church for you doth wait,  
Her strength unequal to her task, rise up, and make her great!**

**Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;  
As foll'wers of the Son of Man, rise up, O church of God!**

\*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

Ron Phillips

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

Ron Phillips

## 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

Owen Winter

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

Owen Winter



## 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!**

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**

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\*Hymn of Response “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.**

**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?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One**

**Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son. (2x)**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” Let the poor say, “I am rich,”**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)**

\*Benediction

Ron Phillips

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.

“Lemonade In the Shade”

Everyone is invited outside for refreshments following the service.