



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 1st, 2024

15th 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: Though you cannot be contained, you have chosen to dwell with us, your Creation. Your presence fills the whole universe and still you choose to make your home on earth within each one of us. We are awed by your desire to be with us. Create in us the desire to be with you more than anywhere else. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-McLean

* The Introit

"Blessed Be Your Name" by Beth and Matt Redman

**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

“Better is One Day”

Matt Redman

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

**How lovely is Your dwelling place
Oh Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within' Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings**

(Chorus)

**Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere**

**One thing I ask, and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
Your glory dwells *(Chorus)***

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

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**Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.**

Scripture Reader

John Hillmer

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 7:51; 8:1,6, 10-13, 22-30

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.¹

All: As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

Leader: They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

All: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Leader: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

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*Gospel Lesson: John 6:56-69

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Dwelling Place for God- Part 2”

Cheryl Johnston

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach:

“Praise to the Lord”

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**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.**

*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**

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

Chris Senger

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

Cheryl Johnston

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-McLean

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.