



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, September 22nd, 2024

18th 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: God, you are the protector of all that trust in you. Without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. With you as our ruler and guide, may we pass through things temporal, in such a way that we do not lose the things eternal. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

*The Introit

"Agnus Dei"

by Michael W. Smith

Alleluia! Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns. (Repeat)

Alleluia! Holy! Holy are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

You are Holy. Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

Call to Worship and prayer

Chris Senger

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

“The Love of God”

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The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn before going downstairs for Godly Play and Oasis.

**The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win,
His erring child, he reconciled and pardoned from his sin.**

Refrain:

**O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure— the saints’ and angels’ song.**

**When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God’s love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming Grace to Adam’s race - the saints’ and angels’ song. *(Refrain)***

**Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
Were ev’ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev’ryone a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.
*(Refrain)***

Children’s Blessing

Gift of Music

“Walls Come Tumbalin’ Down!”
(Lyrics found at the back of the bulletin)

Choir Anthem

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Approach

“Speak, O Lord”

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail - let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,
And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.**

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Rowan Russell-MacLean

Epistle Lesson: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:22-32

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 101

Leader: I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing.

All: I will study the way that is blameless. When shall I attain it?

Leader: I will walk with integrity of heart within my house;

All: I will not set before my eyes anything that is base.

Leader: Perverseness of heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.

All: One who secretly slanders a neighbour I will destroy. A haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not tolerate.

Leader: I will look with favour on the faithful in the land, so that they may live with me; whoever walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.

All: No one who practises deceit shall remain in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue in my presence.

*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.

*Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to John 14:18-21

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “In My Life, Lord, be Glorified” #394

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” #374

Oh love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

Oh light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray,

That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

Oh joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

Oh cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I lay in dust, life’s glory dead,

And from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

Prayers of the People

Margaret Friesen

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Michael Farren)

**With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day, I know he will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me.”**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited outside for refreshments following the service.

"Walls Come Tumbalin' Down!"
(Traditional Spiritual; Arr. Jean Anne Shafferman)

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel?
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not every man?
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel?
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not every man?

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,
Saved the Hebrew children from the fi'ry furnace, and why not every man?

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho!
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls come tumbalin' down.
Blow on your ram horn, blow, blow, blow your horn, Joshua,
Blow on your ram horn, blow, and the walls come tumbalin' down.

Up to the walls of Jericho Joshua marched with spear in hand,
"Go blow your horns," Joshua cried, "cause the battle is in my hand!"
Then the lamb ram sheep horns begin to blow, the trumpets begin to sound,
Old Joshua commanded the children to SHOUT!
And the walls come tumbalin' down!

That mornin' my Lord delivered Daniel, delivered Daniel, delivered Daniel.
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, but THAT'S not the only man!
Remember: my Lord delivered Daniel, delivered Daniel, delivered Daniel
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and the walls come tumbalin' down!

And the walls come tumbalin', belly stops rumbalin', furnace stops fi'rin',
Lion stops roarin', walls come tumbalin' down!

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