

First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, September 29th, 2024

19th 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: Almighty Father, you gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: help us to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluwaseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

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The children are invited forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship in Godly Play and Oasis.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Child Dedication: Gabriel Singh

Hymn of Praise "Praise the Name of Jesus"

by Roy, Jr. Hicks

Praise the name of Jesus.

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He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,

He's my deliverer, in him shall I trust.

Praise the name of Jesus.

Prayer of Confession Assurance of Pardon Chris Senger

*Hymn of Approach

"His Mercy Is More"

By Keith & Kristyn Getty

(Refrain:)

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore:

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father, so tender, is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor: Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us!
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)

Scripture Reader Carmen Orthner

Epistle Lesson: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:11-22 N.T. Page 192

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 141

Leader: I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me; give ear to my voice when I call to you.

All: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Leader: Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.

All: Do not turn my heart to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with those who work iniquity; do not let me eat of their delicacies.

Leader: Let the righteous strike me; let the faithful correct me. Never let the oil of the wicked anoint my head, for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

All: When they are given over to those who shall condemn them, then they shall learn that my words were pleasant.

Leader: Like a rock that one breaks apart and shatters on the land, so shall their bones be strewn at the mouth of Sheol.

All: But my eyes are turned toward you, O God, my Lord; in you I seek refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

Leader: Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me, and from the snares of evildoers.

All: Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I alone escape.

*Gloria Patri #623

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 Matthew 13:44-50 N.T. page 15

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

"We Are God's People"

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We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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

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 Oluwaseye Popoola

"A Time For Friends"

Everyone is invited downstairs for refreshments following the service. The Singh family has provided cake in celebration of Gabriel's dedication.



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