



# First Baptist Church

## Worship Service for Sunday, September 8th, 2024 16th 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 the Son, you are the beginning of life and the goal of all life; the world was made through you and you will bring it to completion. In Jesus, through our human eyes and ears, we saw and heard what that means: all of life is caught up in your cross, the end and source of life. Jesus, when our days are hard, please give us a taste of the joy set before us so we can follow you to the end. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

\*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.**

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

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

*by Rick Founds*

*The children are invited forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship.*

**Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

**Lord, I love to sing your praises.**

**I'm so glad you're in my life.**

**I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth, to show the way;**

**From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;**

**From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky:**

**Lord, I lift your name on high.**

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.**

*(Refrain:)*

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil he doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey. *(Refrain)***

**But we never can prove the delights of his love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favour he shows, for the joy he bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey. *(Refrain)***

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey. *(Refrain)***

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-Maclean

\*Hymn of Approach

“Peace Be With You”

*by Lynsey Martin Kimmit*

**To walk in peace means looking for the other,  
Reaching out to all, with open arms embrace.**

*(Refrain:)*

**Peace be with you, the peace of God,  
Nurturing and sheltering you all your days.**

**To walk in peace means putting into action  
Lessons that we learn of Jesus and his grace. *(Refrain)***

**To walk in peace means looking at what binds us  
Reconcile, unite, in God we place our trust. *(Refrain)***

**The love of God is with us on the journey  
As we walk the path this love will lead the way. *(Refrain)***

## We Listen to God

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Scripture Reader

Enoch Ernest

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:1-14

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**All: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

**All: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.

**All: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

Leader: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\*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 1:1-13

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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**

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\*Hymn of Response “We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

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**Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand,  
All the ways of God would lead us to that blessed promised land;  
But he guides us with his eye, and we'll follow till we die,  
We will understand it better by and by.**

*(Refrain:)*

**By and by, when the morning comes,  
When the saints of God are gathered home,  
We'll tell the story how we've overcome,  
We will understand it better by and by.**

**Oft our cherished plans have failed, disappointments have prevailed,  
And we’ve wandered in the darkness, heavy hearted and alone;  
But we’re trusting in the Lord, and, according to his word,  
We will understand it better by and by. *(Refrain)***

**Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares,  
And our hearts are made to bleed for a thoughtless word or deed;  
And we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,  
But we'll understand it better by and by. *(Refrain)***

Prayers of the People

Bryan Orthner

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**

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\*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

Oluseye Popoola

"A Time For Friends"

Everyone is invited outside for refreshments following the service.

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