



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, October 6th, 2024 20th 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: Jesus our Saviour, you loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus and blessed their home with your presence: Bless our home, that your love may rest upon us. May we all grow in grace and in the knowledge of you. Teach us to love one another and to bear one another's burdens and in this way fulfil your law. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

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

Genesis Singh and Christine Cantor

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

William and Scarlet Skea and Noah Senger

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“What a Beautiful Name”

(Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood)

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song and remain at the front until communion.

**You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High;
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in you, our Christ.**

**What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.**

**What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater; what could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.**

**What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this,
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

Death could not hold you; the veil tore before you.

You silenced the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory,

For you are raised to life again.

You have no rival, you have no equal.

Now and forever, God, you reign.

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory.

Yours is the name above all names.

**What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my King.**

**What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against,
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

**I believe in Jesus, I believe he is the Son of God,
I believe he died and rose again, I believe he paid for us all;
I believe he’s here now, standing in our midst,
Here with the power to heal now and the grace to forgive.**

**I believe in you Lord, I believe you are the Son of God,
I believe you died and rose again, I believe you paid for us all;
I believe you are here now, standing in our midst,
Here with the power to heal now and the grace to forgive.**

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Joshua and Stephen Ayegbusi and Kaleb Senger

Epistle Lesson: Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians 5:15-21; 6:1-4

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 128

Benjamin Duffy and Maizy Russell-MacLean

Leader: Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

**All: You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy,
and it shall go well with you.**

Leader: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will
be like olive shoots around your table.

All: Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

Leader: The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all
the days of your life.

All: May you see your children’s children. Peace be upon Israel!

**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.**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach:

“Just as I am”

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**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Unison Prayer of Confession

Grace Tabio

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

Cheryl Johnston

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Jonathan George

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

“At Calvary”

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**Years I spent in vanity and pride, caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me he died on Calvary.**

(Refrain)

**Mercy there was great, and grace was free; pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty, at Calvary.**

**By God’s word at last my sin I learned; then I trembled at the law I’d spurned,
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary. *(Refrain)***

**Now I’ve giv’n to Jesus everything, now I gladly own him as my King,
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary! *(Refrain)***

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

Adrianna Senger

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited downstairs for refreshments following the service.

Benevolent Fund

First Baptist maintains a benevolent fund from which it helps folks from inside and outside our congregation in times of crisis. Pastors, in discussion with the board, disperse money as needs arise.

Over the past year we have helped different folks with food and housing. We have used all the money given to us to date. If you wish to help replenish this fund, please indicate “benevolent fund” on your donation.

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