



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, February 9th, 2025

5th Sunday in Epiphany

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: Heavenly Father, forgive us when we expect you to deal firmly with other people but gently with us. Thank you for your love and your patience with us. Help us to perceive at others with the same mercy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

"We Have Come to Join in Worship"

(Words by Ken Bible and George Atkins; Tune: "Joyful, Joyful" #1)

We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God.

Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak his mighty Word.

All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.

Christians, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.

Let us care for all his people till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven; at his banquet we'll sit down;

Christ himself will rise and serve us living manna all around.

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

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!**

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

Gift of Music

“Moses Led His People”

Sanctuary Choir and Children

(Lyrics included at the back of the bulletin)

(Words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Craig Curry)

Prayer of Confession

Chris Senger

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Approach “His Mercy Is More” By Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

(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)***

“Jesus Paid it All”

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(Refrain:)

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**I hear the Saviour say, “Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”**

**Lord, now indeed I find thy pow’r and thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone. *(Refrain)***

**For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. *(Refrain)***

**And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. *(Refrain)***

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Rosemary Ward

Old Testament Lesson: The Prophet Isaiah 55:6, 7, 12, 13

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 92

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

All: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, Showing that the Lord is upright;

All: The Lord is my rock. There is no unrighteousness in the Lord.

*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 Luke 7:36 - 8:3

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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

“Here is Love”

by William Rees & Robert Lowry

**Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.**

**On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.**

**In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
And thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in thee, my Lord.
Of thy fullness thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.**

**Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
Let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory; nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou thyself hast set me free.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“His Glory and My Good”

by City Alight

**There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards him and help me bear the thorn.
So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood
For I know that he is working for his glory and my good.**

(Refrain:)

**To our God be the glory, to our God be praise -
He alone - the name above all names.
I will boast ever, only in the Lord my God
For I know his glory is my good.**

**Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood,
And with joy my heart shall praise him for his glory and my good. *(Refrain)***

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited downstairs for refreshments following the service.

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in Godly Play and Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.

“Moses Led His People”

(Words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Craig Curry)

Moses led his people out of Egypt land.
Moses led his people, an unarmed helpless band.
God led their way in a cloud by day, in a pillar of fire at night.
Moses led his people, it was quite a sight.

Moses led his people, Pharaoh set them free.
Moses led his people straight to the Red Sea,
But Pharaoh's army was chasin' them, Pharaoh had a long, long ride,
When he fin'ly caught them, they had no place to hide!

The people shook with fear when they saw Pharaoh near,
But Moses wasn't worried.
He lifted up his hand and watched the Red Sea stand,
And across the dry land they hurried.

Moses led his people to the other side.
Pharaoh tried to follow, he never should have tried,
For God told Moses, “Stretch out your hand,”
And the waves began to pound.
God delivered his people, and Pharaoh's army drowned.

Moses led his people out of Egypt land.
Moses led his people, he followed God's command.
God led their way in a cloud by day, in a pillar of fire at night.
Moses led his people out of slavery.
Moses led his people, God set them free!



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