



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 3, 2025

8th Sunday in the Season of 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: O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

*The Introit

"As the Deer"

By Martin Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

(Refrain:)

You alone are my strength, my shield,

To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire,

And I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother even though you are a king.

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything. *(Refrain)*

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

*Hymns of Praise

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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The children are invited to come forward during this song and remain at the front until communion, when they will rejoin their parents.

**’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”**

(Refrain:)

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood! *(Refrain)***

**Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *(Refrain)***

**I’m so glad I learned to trust him, precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end. *(Refrain)***

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

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**Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way;
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine!**

**Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way;
Hold o’er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.**

Scripture Reader

Carmen Pauls Orthner

Epistle Lesson: James 3:13-18 (p. 230, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

All: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Leader: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

All: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

All: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

All: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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.

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 10:12-16 (p. 167, Old Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Head, Hands, and Heart”

Chris Senger

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Response

“O Come to the Altar”

By Elevation

**Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.**

**Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.**

(Refrain:)

**O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

**Leave behind your regrets and mistakes,
Come today, there's no reason to wait,
Jesus is calling.**

**Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy,
From the ashes, a new life is born,
Jesus is calling. *(Refrain)***

*The 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 one, holy, universal 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

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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.

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.

*Hymn of Approach

“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.

The Words of Consecration

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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.

Communion

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

"Jesus, Be the Centre"
(Michael Frye; Arr. Chris Mitchell)

**Jesus, be the centre, be my source, be my light, Jesus.
Jesus, be the centre, be my hope, be my song, Jesus.**

(Refrain:)

**Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails,
Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.**

Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus. *(Refrain)*

*Benediction

Cheryl Johnston

Music for Departing

Grace Liu

"Lemonade in the Shade:" Everyone is invited outside for refreshments following the service.

Parents: Please go to meet your children in the nursery and children's program as they can only be dismissed into your care.

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