



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, August 10, 2025

9th 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: 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, so that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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

“Jesus Loves Even Me”

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

**I am so glad that our Father in heav’n
Tells of his love in the book he has giv’n;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see—
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.**

**I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

**Though I forget him and wander away,
Still he doth love me wherever I stray;
Back to his dear loving arms would I flee,
When I remember that Jesus loves me.**

**I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

**O, if there's only one song I can sing
When in his beauty I see the great King,
This shall my song in eternity be:
“O, what a wonder that Jesus loves me!”**

**I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

**The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win;
His erring child he reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.**

Refrain:

**O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure: The saints' and angels' song!**

**When years of time shall pass away and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so pure shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—the saints' and angels' song. (*Refrain*)**

**Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made,
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill and ev'ry man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, tho' stretched from sky to sky. (*Refrain*)**

Children's Blessing

Chris Senger

*Children's Hymn

"Be Still and Know That I am God"

#343 (v1)

**Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.**

Call to Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Speak Gently”

(Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues)

**Speak gently, it is better far, to rule by love than fear,
Speak gently, let not harsh words mar the good we might do here.**

**Speak gently to the young, for they will have enough to bear;
Pass thro’ this life as best they may, ’tis full of anxious care.**

**Speak gently to the erring, know, they may have toiled in vain,
Perhaps unkindness made them so; oh win them back again.**

**Speak gently, kindly to the poor, let no harsh tone be heard;
They have enough they must endure, without an unkind word.**

**Speak gently, ’tis a little thing dropped in the heart’s deep well;
The good, the joy which it may bring, eternity shall tell.**

Scripture Reader

Heather Russell-MacLean

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:29-5:2 (p. 194, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Selected Proverbs

Leader: Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but one who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

All: Those who are hot-tempered stir up strife, but those who are slow to anger calm contention.

Leader: Those with good sense are slow to anger, and it is their glory to overlook an offence.

All: One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and one whose temper is controlled than one who captures a city.

Leader: Rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

All: A fool gives full vent to anger, but the wise quietly holds it back.

Leader: The beginning of strife is like letting out water; so stop before the quarrel breaks out.

All: For as pressing milk produces curds, and pressing the nose produces blood, so pressing anger produces strife.

Leader: Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offences.

All: Just as water reflects the face, so one human heart reflects another

Leader: Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is than a fatted ox and hatred with it.

All: A tranquil mind gives life to the flesh, but passion makes the bones rot.

Leader: Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

All: For the wise the path of life leads upward, in order to avoid sheol below.

Leader: The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, but the LORD tests the heart.

All: All one's ways may be pure in one's own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit.

*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: Matthew 12:33-36 (p. 13, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Anger and Our Hearts”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Refiner’s Fire”

by Brian Doerksen

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.**

**Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire
Is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Master;
Ready to do your will.**

**Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.**

**Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire
Is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Master;
Ready to do your will.**

Prayers of the People

Chris Senger

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

Chris Senger

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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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