



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 14, 2025

14th 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: You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; Your power is great, and Your wisdom is infinite. People want to praise you; humans, just a small part of your creation; humans, who carry their mortality, the evidence of their sin, the proof that you oppose the proud: yet people want to praise you; they, just a small part of your creation. You awaken us to enjoy praising you; for you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Amen. –Augustine

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit

"Thanks and Praise"

(Jonny Riggs, Chloe Edmonds, Lucy Grimble)

We are here together to lift our hearts as one.

We're in our Father's presence, his Spirit is with us.

Refrain:

It is good to lift the name of the Lord, our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

For his heart is overflowing with love for us

And his mercy, we can never contain.

And each and every morning we'll tell of his great love,

Of all his faithful mercies and all that He has done.

For who can match his kindness and who can count his works.

Oh, let our praise continue 'til evening draws in close. (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

“I Believe in Jesus”

by Marc Nelson

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

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.

And 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.

And I believe you’re here now standing in our midst,

Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

“Behold Our God”

(Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge)

Who has held the oceans in his hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at his voice.

All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain:

Behold our God, seated on his throne.

Come, let us adore him.

Behold our king, nothing can compare.

Come, let us adore him.

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach, the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? *(Refrain)***

**Who has felt the nails upon his hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man,
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign. *(Refrain)***

Children's Blessing		Cheryl Johnston
Gift of Music	"Grace Us, O Lord" <i>(by Joseph Martin)</i> <i>Lyrics are printed on page 7.</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Call to Confession		Chris Senger
Assurance of Pardon		

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation	"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"	#59
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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.**

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 3:6-24 (p. 3, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 25

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

All: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

All: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

Leader: According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

All: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

*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.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:18-25 (p. 158, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Where Are You?”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Guide Me, O Thou Jehovah”

#51

**Guide me, oh thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.**

**Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

*Hymn for Departing

“He Leadeth Me”

#461

**He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain:

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis thy hand that leadeth me. (*Refrain*)**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Today is Kick-Off Sunday and you are invited to join us in the lower hall for a special “Time for Friends.” Come and enjoy a meal together.

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

Grace Us, O Lord
(Joseph Martin)

Grace us almighty God. Grace us with thy presence.
Lord, as we worship, join us in this place.
Come, Holy Spirit, grace us with your power.
Come, Lord Jesus. Grace us with your grace.

As we gather here to worship
We bring songs of thanks and praise.
Now we lift our hearts together
And we celebrate as one the gift of grace.

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Lord, as we worship, join us in this place.
Come, Holy Spirit, grace us with your power.
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