



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 21, 2025

15th 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: Father in heaven, you sent Jesus to open for us the way to life and to lead us upon it. You sent the Spirit to give us strength for our journey. Help us to know Jesus and to remain with him every day of our lives. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit

"Thanks and Praise"

(by Jonny Riggs, Chloe Edmonds, and 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

*Hymn of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

#66

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

To God be the glory—great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory—great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (*Refrain*)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#2

**Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise his name—I’m fixed upon it—name of God’s redeeming love.**

**Hitherto thy love has blest me; thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, oh take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 27:41-45, 28:10-22 (pp. 24-25, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 143

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

All: Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

Leader: For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

All: Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

Leader: I remember the days of old; I think about all your deeds; I meditate on the works of your hands.

All: I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Leader: Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the pit.

All: Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Leader: Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.

All: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

Leader: For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life. In your righteousness bring me out of trouble.

All: In your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant.

*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: John 1:43-51 (pp. 92-93, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!?" Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

(Words: Margaret Becker; Music: Keith Getty)

Jesus draw me ever nearer as I labour through the storm.

You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow, though I'm worn.

Refrain:

May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;

And at the end of my heart's testing, with your likeness let me wake.

Jesus guide me through the tempest; keep my spirit staid and sure.

When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more. *(Refrain)*

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go—

And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at your throne. *(Refrain)*

Prayers of the People

Hilary Ryan

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 (v 1-2)

**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

Oluseye Popoola

Following the service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends”—an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together

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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