



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 7, 2025

13th 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: God, you loved us first, you sought us out and have called us your children. May we love and serve others and allow our lives to be changed out of a growing love for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

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

“This is my Father’s World”

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

**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.**

**This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father’s world, oh let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.**

**This is my Father’s world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died will be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

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.**

Old Testament lesson: Proverbs 31:10-31 (pp. 613-614, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

All: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

All: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

All: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

All: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

Leader: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

All: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

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.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (p. 232, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation

“Behold the Lamb”

(Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.**

*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

Call to Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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.

Prayers of the People

Eric Warren

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.

Gift of Music

"A Communion Invitation"
(Joseph Martin)

John Nelson

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

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!

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 Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Here is Love”

(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.**

**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.**

**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.**

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

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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