



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, October 5, 2025

17th 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 God, you came to live among us through Jesus. We bring judgement upon ourselves but he was blameless. Even so, he entered into our exile and suffering, taking it upon himself and dying with us and for us on the cross. May your love and mercy guide us through our suffering toward repentance and new life. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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.**

God at Work in Our Lives - Welcoming Lynette Wollbaum and Christie Senger into Membership

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

"Blessed be Your Name"

(by Beth Redman and Matt Redman)

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

**Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.**

Refrain:

**Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.**

**Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *(Refrain)***

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Scripture Reader

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 8 - 12, selected verses

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 89

Leader: You spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: “I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

All: I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

Leader: He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!’

All: I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

Leader: His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

All: But now you have spurned and rejected him; you are full of wrath against your anointed.

Leader: You have renounced the covenant with your servant; you have defiled his crown in the dust.

All: You have broken through all his walls; you have laid his strongholds in ruins.

Leader: How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your wrath burn like fire?

All: Lord, where is your steadfast love of old, which by your faithfulness you swore to David?

*** 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.**

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:35-55 (pp. 32-33, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Will God Hide Himself Forever?”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. *(Refrain)***

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me. *(Refrain)***

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where his glory forever I'll share. *(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

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

Merv Hepting

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

"Come and Eat This Bread"
(Words printed on p. 7)

Sanctuary Choir

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

"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

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**All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me; cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me; oh, the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;**

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

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.

Come and Eat This Bread

(African American Spiritual; Arr. Hal H. Hopson)

Come and eat this bread, Christ is here.
Come and eat this bread, Christ is here.
Come and eat this bread, Christ is here.
Eat this bread, Christ is here.

Come and drink this cup, Christ is here.
Come and drink this cup, Christ is here.
Come and drink this cup, Christ is here.
Drink this cup, Christ is here.

At this table here, we are one.
At this table here, we are one.
At this table here, we are one.
We are one, one in Christ.

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