



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 6, 2026

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: Heavenly Father, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ, the way and the truth, and that all should have the life that comes from your indwelling Spirit: Inspire our witness to Jesus, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit

"Speak O Lord"

(Stuart Townend & Keith Getty)

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,

That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises;

And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,

And the earth is filled with your glory.

Call to Worship and Prayer

Cheryl Johnston

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

“Jesus Loves Even Me”

#357

*The children are invited to come forward and remain at the front
until after the sermon, when they will return to their families.*

**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.**

Refrain:

**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. (Refrain)**

**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!” (Refrain)**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.**

**I love thee because thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.**

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Scripture Reader

Heather Russell-MacLean

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 (p. 181, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 107

Leader: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

All: They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

Leader: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and the LORD saved them from their distress;

All: The Lord sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

Leader: Give thanks for the LORD's steadfast love, for the LORD's wonderful works to humankind.

All: Offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the LORD's deeds with songs of joy.

Leader: The upright see it and are glad; and all wickedness stops its mouth.

All: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

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 28: 1-10, 16-20 (pp. 33-34, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

***Hymn of Approach**

“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.**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.

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

*Hymn of Thanks

"Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (2x)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)
Give thanks, give thanks.**

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 Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Be Thou My Vision”

#382 (vs 1 & 4)

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

High King of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the service, you are invited outside for “Lemonade in the Shade”—an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

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

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