

# The Worship of God

August 23, 2020

10:00 am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

**Invitation to Worship**

**Pastor Eric Spivey**

**Call to Worship**

**Pastor Eric and Congregation**

We, God's children, were purchased at a great price.

**Thanks be to God – *We have been redeemed!***

We, God's children, are freed from the bondage of sin.

**Thanks be to God – *We have been redeemed!***

We, God's children, are offered new and abundant life,

**Thanks be to God – *We have been redeemed!***

Purchased! Set free! Reborn and welcomed into the family.

**Thanks be to God – *We have been redeemed!***

**Solo – *Medley of the Redeemed* – arr. Keith Christopher**

**Donn Wisdom**

**Invocation**

**Eric Spivey**

**Song of Renewal – *Shine, Jesus, Shine* - #491 (st. 1 & 3)**

Words and music by Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness so our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory; mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain

**“Back to School” Emphasis**

**Olivia King and Brandi Bell**

**Scripture – Romans 12:1-8**

**Elizabeth Byrd**

**Testimony in Song – *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* - #534 (st. 1 & 4)**

Words by Frances R. Havergal, music by Henri A. C. Malan HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,  
at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

***I Am Thine, O Lord* - #535 (st. 1 & 2)**

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, music by William H. Doane. I AM THINE

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me,  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord, by the pow’r of grace divine.  
Let me soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.

Refrain

**Message – “Be Transformed”**

**Pastor Eric**

**Responding to God’s Call**

**Song of Response – *Higher Ground* - #532 (vs. 1, 3 & 4, refrain)**

Words by Johnson Oatman, Jr., music by Charles H. Gabriel HIGHER GROUND

I’m pressing on the upward way, new heights I’m gaining ev’ry day;  
Still praying as I onward bound, “Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

I want to live above the world, though Satan’s darts at me are hurled,  
For faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on night ground.

I want to scale the utmost height and catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I’ll pray till heav’n I’ve found, “Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

Refrain

Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on heaven’s table-land;  
A higher plane than I have found, Lord, lead me on to higher ground.

**Benediction**

**Pastor Eric**

**Closing Song – *We Go in Peace* - #512 in *Celebrating Grace Hymnal***

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We go in peace, we go in love. We go with grace and mercy from the Lord above  
To tell the world this very thing that Jesus Christ is Lord and King.  
Jesus Christ is Lord and King!

**Please remain seated until dismissed by one of our hosts. Thank you.**

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**The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Tiffany Gabriel in memory of her grandmother, Mary Louise Gabriel, who passed away August 9, 2020.**

**Be Transformed**  
Sunday, August 23, 2020  
Romans 12:1-8

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.

Romans 12:2 (Phillips Translation)

**Sermon Guide**

Happiness = Reality – \_\_\_\_\_

Disappointment Gap: Expectations > \_\_\_\_\_

Our \_\_\_\_\_ extends from the Lord

The Purpose of my spiritual life is

- To Be Good
- To learn about God
- To go to church
- To serve others
- To make a difference in the world.
- All of the Above
- None of the Above

God's Goal for Your Life: \_\_\_\_\_

*Metamorphoo* = to transform from the \_\_\_\_\_ out.

What would you do to experience the abundant life of Jesus?