

# The Worship of God

September 20, 2020

10:00 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

**Invitation to Worship**

**Pastor Eric Spivey**

## Call to Worship

First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida is a special place! Today and in years past, in our downtown location and here on the corner of NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and CR 241, God has made this place sacred by the worship of the saints. Thousands have sung, prayed, heard the Word of God, and responded by surrendering their hearts to the Divine Spirit.

Place has always been important in the worship of our Holy God even as the Old Testament provides instruction in temple, synagogue, and sanctuary worship. So, it seems easy to worship God here when we are surrounded by so many rich and encouraging vibrations. Today, with many technological advances and the world-shaking pandemic, we worship here in the sanctuary... and there in your living rooms – we worship where we are. While challenging, we resolve to worship our Lord “in spirit and in truth” – wherever we may be...with hope, love and joy!

—updated from a Call to Worship by John R. Killinger

**Song of Joy – *Praise to the Lord* – arr. Adams**

**Beth Kinsey, flute, Grace Brodbeck, organ**

**Invocation**

**Norm Stott**

## **Song of Praise – *To God Be the Glory* - #28 (st. 1 & 3)**

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, music by William H. Doane TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yieldeth 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!  
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our vict'ry, when Jesus we see.

### Refrain

**Prayers for The Trellis**

**The Trellis Leadership Team**

**Songs of Dedication – *Seekers of Your Heart* - #548 (twice)**

Words and music by Melodie and Dick Tunney, Beverly Darnall  
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Lord, we want to know You, live our lives to show You  
All the love we owe You – we're seekers of Your heart.

***Sanctuary* - #588 (twice)**

Words and music by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs  
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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

**Scripture – John 15:1-17 (NRSV)**

**Pastor Eric**

**Message – “The Trellis”**

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**Responding to God's Call**

**Song of Response – *Lord, Here Am I* - #537 (st. 1 & 3)**

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, music by John Ness Beck  
© 1984 Beckinhorst Press BECK

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.  
Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.

Refrain

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

Living or dying, I still would be Thine; yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.  
Pardon whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light.

Refrain

**Benediction**

**Pastor Eric**

**Song of Sending – *With All My Heart* - #539**

Words and music by Babbie Mason © 1990 Word Music, Inc. MASON

With all my heart I want to love You Lord,  
And live my life each day to know You more.  
All that is in me is Yours completely;  
I'll serve You only, with all my heart.

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

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**The Trellis**  
**The Trellis Series: Sermon 2**  
September 20, 2020  
John 15:4

Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."

John 15:4 (NRSV)

**Sermon Guide**

The Jesus life springs from our \_\_\_\_\_ with The Father.

\_\_\_\_\_ in Me = How we maintain the Jesus Life

*meno* (Greek) = Abide, remain, indwell, stay

- Used \_\_\_\_\_ times in v.4-10

Bear \_\_\_\_\_ = The purpose of the Jesus Life

*karpos* (Greek) = fruit

- Used \_\_\_\_\_ times in v.2-8

A trellis is a structure that \_\_\_\_\_ the vine as it grows upward and outward to produce fruit.

A spiritual trellis is a set of common spiritual practices guiding our life with Jesus to grow upward and outward to experience \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of the world.

The eight practices of the FBCG Trellis will \_\_\_\_\_ us to abide in Christ leading to fruitfulness in God's Kingdom.

Question for Action:

1. During our Trellis Spiritual Exploration, will you listen for God's Spirit to guide you to towards one practice for you to use to abide in Christ this year?