

The Worship of God

February 7, 2021

10:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric Spivey

Call to Worship - Hebrews 12:1-3

Donn Wisdom

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
Looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith,
Who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross
disregarding its shame,
And has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God.
Consider Him who endured such hostility against Himself from sinners,
so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Song of Gathering – *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* – arr. Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Invocation

Bill Smith

Song of Worship – *Holy Is the Lord* – McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

Joining the Mission of God

Brooke and Jason Brock

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom

**To call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the
assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin
and new life for all who repent and believe.**

The Spirit calls all members

To embrace God's mission in our neighborhoods and in the world:

To feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger,
clothe the naked, care for the sick and free the prisoner.

We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered
in many names and millions face confusing choices,

**We witness—with respect for followers of other ways—to the only One
in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ.**

In Jesus, God reconciles the world to Himself.

God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.

Hymn of Identity – *We Are Called to Be God’s People* - #391 (st. 1, 2 & 3)

Words by Thomas A. Jackson, music by Franz Joseph Haydn
Words © 1973 renewed 2001 Broadman Press AUSTRIAN HYMN

We are called to be God’s people, showing by our lives His grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us, and remade us as His own;
Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.

We are called to be God’s servants, working in His world today;
Taking His own task upon us, all His sacred words obey.
Let us rise then, to His summons, dedicate to Him our all,
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call.

We are called to be God’s prophets, speaking for the truth and right;
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God’s will.

A Prayer for the Common Good

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Lord, our God, help us to be agents of your peace in Gainesville, Alachua County,
Florida and throughout the world

We humbly pray for all who work

To provide housing – emergency, temporary and permanent

To resist racism, sexism and ageism

To provide fruitful employment,

To provide safe schools and places of training and learning,

To develop artistic gifts,

To provide health care,

To provide spiritual care,

To minister to refugees and immigrants

To bear witness to your extravagant love for us in Jesus Christ...

Please take a moment to privately add your own personal petitions...

**May we be your agents of peace and renewal that all your children may flourish.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord...Amen.**

Songs of Response – *Oh, How He Loves You and Me* - #170 (st. 1 & 2)

Words and music by Kurt Kaiser © 1975 Word Music PATRICIA

Oh, how He loves you and me. Oh, how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what more could He give?

Oh, how He love you; Oh, how He love me: Oh, how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv’ry did go, His love for mankind to show;

What He did there brought hope from despair.

Oh, how He love you; Oh, how He love me: Oh, how He loves you and me!

Behold, What Manner of Love

Words and music by Patricia Vantine © 1978 Maranatha! Music

Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us. (Repeat)
That we shall be called the children of God. (Repeat)

Here I Am, Lord - #440 – (refrain only)

Words and music by Daniel L. Schutte © 1981, 2001, 2003 OCP HERE I AM, LORD

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

Scripture – Romans 12:9-12

Pastor Eric

Message – “Join A Community”

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Hymn of Affirmation – *The Servant Song* - #384

Words by Richard Gillard, music from The Sacred Harp;
words © 1977 Scripture in Song / Maranatha! Music BEACH SPRING

We are trav'lers on a journey fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony;
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Benediction

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Song of Sending – *Jesus, Lord to Me* - #300

Words and music by Greg Nelson and Gary McSpadden
© 1981 River Oaks Music Company JESUS, LORD TO ME

Jesus, Jesus, Lord to me. Master, Savior, Prince of Peace!
Ruler of my heart today, Jesus, Lord to me.

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

Join a Community

Living the Trellis Life: Intentionally Living the Jesus Life
February 7, 2021
Romans 12:9-12

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

Romans 12:9 (NRSV)

Sermon Guide

The _____ divisions between Jewish and Gentile Christians in Rome threatened the life of the church.

The _____ divisions between American Christians threaten the life of each church.

Genuine love shared in community builds *koinonia* in

_____.

Genuine _____ shared in community builds *koinonia* in Gainesville.

Action

One step I will take to share genuine love in my church ...

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