

The Worship of God

February 21, 2021

10:00 am

First Sunday in Lent

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric Spivey

Song of Salvation - *God of Every Generation* - #42 (st. 2)

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From the dawn of all creation God the Father in His love
Offered up for our redemption Jesus Christ, His only Son.

Refrain

God of every generation reaching out to all mankind;
Now relentless His pursuing as he draws us to His light.

Call to Worship

Donn Wisdom and Pastor Eric

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

We ask that you give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;

And, as you know our weakness,

So may we know your powers to save;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In unity of the Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

— adapted from a prayer by Thomas Cranmer

Songs of Worship and Testimony - *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* - #303 in Celebrating Grace Hymnal

Words by Sylvia Dunstan, music from Columbian Harmony

Words © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering, here, in truth, we will be fed.
You who yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming, Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We who once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Worthy of Worship - #3 (refrain, st. 3)

Words by Terry York, music by Mark Blankenship © 1988 Van Ness Press, Inc. JUDSON

Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; worthy of worship and praise.

Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer.
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend. Savior and Source of our life without end.

Refrain

Invocation

Jim Monroe

Hymn of Devotion – *Grace Alone* - #112

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Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His Grace.

Refrain

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev'rywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

Refrain

Confession – “We’re Hungry, Lord”

Marcia Spivey

We’re hungry, Lord. Hungry for something different, Lord.
We’re thankful that we have enough food, dessert and drink for ourselves,
but we’re hungry...
People around us are so pre-occupied, distant and hard to reach.
And, sometimes, we adopt their demeanor and behavior.
But we’re hungry, Lord. Hungry for something more.
People we know keep talking about great ideas, brilliant questions,
And even the issue of God’s existence.
But we’re hungry for You, not ideas or theories.
We want You to touch us, to reach inside us and change us.
There are so many people who can talk without saying much

But we're hungry for someone who really knows You and lives You,
someone who can get so close to us that through them we see...You.
We have so many things but we're hungry for You.
Deep, deep down inside we're hungry, even if we appear to be completely OK,
in control, upset, lazy, or unconcerned at times.
We're hungry for Your way of life, full of grace and joy.
Feed us, Lord, feed us with Your lavish love and eternal sustenance.

Hymn of Commitment - *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* - #161 (st. 1 & 2)

Words by Dorothy A. Thrupp, music by William B. Bradbury BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;

Music for Meditation – *My Shepherd / The Lord Is My Shepherd* – arr. Kaiser

Eve Lipoff, piano and Beth Kinsey, flute

Scripture – Exodus 15:1-21

Pastor Eric

Message – “The Wilderness Offers Salvation”

Pastor Eric

Observance of the Lord's Supper

*As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured,
We are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord.*

Song of Salvation - *God of Every Generation* - #42 (st. 3)

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Through the heart of all believers worship echoes age to age.
Hear the church, her saints proclaiming Jesus Christ was born to save.

Refrain

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Now relentless His pursuing as he draws us to His light.

Benediction

Pastor Eric

Song of Sending – *Grace Alone* - #112 (refrain)

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

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