

## The Worship of God

March 7, 2021

10:00 am

Third Sunday in Lent

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric Spivey

Call to Worship - based on Genesis 7:12; Exodus 24:18; I Kings 19:8; Mark 1:13

Donn Wisdom and Pastor Eric

The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

**Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.**

Elijah got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food  
for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

**Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness for forty days;**

**And while he was with the wild beasts, the angels waited on Him.**

Lord God, who cleansed the earth through forty days of floods

And gave Your guiding law through forty days of worship.

**Who revived Elijah through forty's days of pilgrimage,**

**And sent Your Son to fight our foe through forty days of fasting;**

Grant us grace to enter the flood, the fire, the desert,

The penitence and the journey, the emptiness and the fasting.

**That leads us to Gethsemane, and the dark scene of Golgotha,**

**And leave us at the empty tomb, to see Your risen Son!**

**Songs of Worship – *Open The Eyes of My Heart* - #66**

Words and music by Paul Baloche © 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music OPEN THE EYES

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see You, I want to see You; (Repeat)

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory,

Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy holy...I want to see You.

***Be Thou My Vision* - #83 (st. 1 & 4**

Words Ancient Irish, music traditional Irish melody SLANE

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 Son!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

**Invocation**

**Dick Brodbeck**

**Scriptural Praise in Song – *I Will Lift Up My Eyes (Psalm 121)* – arr. Larson**

**Sanctuary Choir**

**Songs of Devotion – *Shine On Us - #89 (all stanzas)***

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Deer Valley Music SHINE ON US

Lord, let Your Light, light of Your face, shine on us.  
Lord, let Your Light, light of Your face, shine on us  
That we may be saved, that we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night. Let Your light shine on us.

Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.  
Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us  
That we may be saved, that we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night. Let Your grace fall on us.

Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.  
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.  
That we may be saved, that we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night. Let Your love come over us.

***God Will Make a Way - #85***

Words and music by Don Moen © 1990 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

HE WILL MAKE A WAY

God will make a way where there seems to be no way.  
He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side.  
With love and strength for each new day; He will make a way...

**Confession – “When We Feel Forsaken”**

**Cynthia Brasington**

Our Father, sometimes You seem so far away, as if You are a God in hiding,  
even determined to elude all who seek You.

Yet we know that You are far more willing to be found  
than we are to seek most times.

You have promised,

“If with all your heart you truly seek me, you shall ever find me.”

And you have assured us that You are with us always.

We ask to be more aware of Your nearness – as we recognize Your voice  
with as much assurance as we recognize the sounds around us.

We would find You now in the privacy of our hearts,  
in the quiet of this moment.

We would know, O Lord, that You are near us and beside us;  
that You love us and are interested in all that we do...  
anytime...anywhere...everywhere.

May we become aware of Your daily companionship and listen...  
really listen to Your momentary prompting.

At times when we feel forsaken, may we rely upon the presence  
of the Holy Spirit, who brings comfort to all human hearts  
when willing to surrender ourselves.

May we be convinced that even before we reach up to You, You have already  
reached down to us through Your Son, Jesus; and that You continually  
reach down to us through Your Spirit.

—adapted from Peter Marshall

**Hymn of Commitment – *Near to the Heart of God* - #458 (st. 1)**

Words and music by Cleland B. McAfee McAfee

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;  
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God.

**Scripture – Luke 4:1-13**

**Pastor Eric**

**Message – “The Wilderness Gives Clarity”**

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**Song of Decision – *God Leads Us Along* - #88 (all stanzas)**

Words and music by G. A. Young GOD LEADS US

In shady green pastures, so rich and so sweet,  
God leads His dear children along.  
Where the water’s cool flow bathes the weary one’s feet,  
God leads His dear children along.

Refrain

Some through the waters, some through the flood,  
some through the fire, but all through the blood;  
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song  
in the night season and all the day long.

Sometimes on the mount where the sunshines so bright,  
God leads His dear children along.

Sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night,  
God leads His dear children along.

Refrain

Though sorrows befall us and Satan oppose,  
God leads His dear children along.  
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes;  
God leads His dear children along.

Refrain

**Benediction**

**Pastor Eric**

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

Words and music by Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson  
© 1998 Maranatha! Music GRACE ALONE

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

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

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**The Wilderness Gives Clarity**

Lessons from the Wilderness

March 7, 2021

Luke 4:1-13

*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,*

Luke 4:1 (NRSV)

Sermon Guide

Good News: The Lord leads us into the Wilderness to clarify our

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Implications for Life:

1. Pay \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Invitation

What purpose has God clarified in your life over the last year?

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