

## The Worship of God

March 14, 2021

10:00 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

**Update from the Associate Pastor for Discipleship Ministries Search Committee**

**Invitation to Worship**

**Pastor Eric Spivey**

**Call to Worship - from Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 John 4:9-10**

**Pastor Eric and Donn Wisdom**

Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,  
made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions –  
it is by grace you have been saved.

**Thank You, O God, for Your amazing love!**

This is how God showed His love among us:

He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us

and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**Thank you, O God, for Your amazing love!**

**Song of Adoration – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* - #56 (st. 1, 2 & 3)**

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith, music Welsh hymn tune ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unmasking, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rules in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
They clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness* - #96 (refrain)**

Words by Thomas O. Chisholm, music by William M. Runyan FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Invocation

Beth Kinsey

**Songs of Devotion – *My Life Is In You, Lord* - #518**

Words and music by Daniel Gardner MY LIFE

Refrain

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;  
My hope is in You, Lord; in You, its in You.  
My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;  
My hope is in You, Lord; in You, its in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,  
I will praise You with all of my strength;  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You.

Refrain

***More Love to Thee* - #559 (st.1)**

Words by Elizabeth Prentiss, music by William H. Doane MORE LOVE TO THEE

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on blended knee.  
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to Thee  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

**Confession – “God, You Are Love”**

Jeff Brooker

When I forget, God remembers...

When these hands of mine cease from their clinging,  
    yet the hands divine hold me so firmly that I cannot fall.  
And if sometimes I am too tired to call for Him to help me,  
    then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart, and lifts my care.  
I dare not fear, since certainly I know that I am in God’s keeping,  
    shielded so from all that else would harm, and in the hour  
    of stern temptation strengthened by his power;  
I tread no path in life to Him unknown,  
    I lift no burden, bear no pain, alone;  
My soul a calm, sure hiding place has found;  
    the everlasting arms my life surround.

God, You are love! I build my faith on that.  
I know who has kept my path, and made light for me in the darkness,  
    tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy;  
It were too strange that I should doubt Your love.

—updated from Robert Browning

**Scripture Song – *You Shall Love the Lord* – #724 in Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal**

Words and music by Frank Hernandez

© 1990 Birdwing Music YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your heart.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul, with all your soul.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.

You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your mind, with all your mind.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.

You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.

**Scripture – Deuteronomy 6:1-9,20-25**

**Pastor Eric**

**Message – “The Wilderness Forms Us”**

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**Song of Testimony – *My Jesus, I Love Thee* - #552 (st. 1 & 2)**

Words by William R. Featherston, music by Adoniram J. Gordon GORDON

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of Thee I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree..  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

***With All My Heart* - #539**

Words and music by Babbie Mason 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.

**Benediction**

**Pastor Eric**

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

Words and music by Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

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

**The Wilderness Forms**  
Lessons from the Wilderness  
March 14, 2021  
Deuteronomy 6:1-9;20-25

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV)

Sermon Guide

The Lord uses our wilderness experiences to \_\_\_\_\_ us for the journeys ahead.

The Lord Forms

Our \_\_\_\_\_ (Who are we)

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. (Dt. 6:4)*

Our \_\_\_\_\_ (What we do)

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Dt. 6:5)*

Our \_\_\_\_\_ (How we live)

*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. (Dt. 6:6)*

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

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