

The Worship of God

April 18, 2021

10:00 am

Third Sunday in Eastertide

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric

Call to Worship - 1 John 3:1-3; 16-22; Psalm 139:23-24

Pastor Eric and Donn Wisdom

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are!

Friends, now we are children of God,
and what we will be has not yet been made known.

**But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him,
for we shall see Him as He is.**

Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
This is how we know what love is:

Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

And we ought to lay down our lives for others.

If anyone has material possessions and sees another in need
but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

Children, let us not love with words, but with actions and in truth.

**This then is how we know that we belong to the truth,
and how we set our hearts at rest in His presence
whenever our hearts condemn us.**

For God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything.

Friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God
and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey His commands
and do what pleases Him.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts,
See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Song of Worship – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - #172 (all 4 stanzas)

Words by Charles Wesley, music by John Zundel BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great Salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Invocation

Marcia Spivey

Songs of Testimony – *Children of God* - #479 in Baptist Hymnal 1991 (refrain, st. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Words and music by Anderson T. Dailey © 1972 Anderson T. Dailey CHILDREN OF GOD

Refrain

Children of God, we are marching to Zion. Children of God, we are marching to Zion.
Children of God, we are marching to Zion, step by step all the way.

In my walk you can see me trying. In my walk you can see me trying.
In my walk you can see my trying, step by step all the way.

In my talk you can hear me trying. In my talk you can hear me trying.
In my talk you can hear me trying, step by step all the way.

Christians, pray that we keep on marching. Christians, pray that we keep on marching.
Christians, pray that we keep on marching, step by step all the way.

***O That Will Be Glory* - #608 (refrain, st. 1)**

Words and music by Charles H. Gabriel GLORY SONG

Refrain

O that will be glory for me, glory for me, glory for me!
When by His grace I shall look on His face, that will be glory, be glory for me!

When all my labors and trial are o'er, and I am safe on that beautiful shore,
Just to be near the dear Lord I adore will through the ages be glory for me.

Refrain

***We Shall Behold Him* - #292 (refrain)**

Words and music by Dottie Rambo © 1980 John T. Benson Publishing Co.
WE SHALL BEHOLD HIM

And we shall behold Him, we shall behold Him face to face in all of His glory.
Oh, we shall behold Him, we shall behold Him face to face, our Savior and Lord.

Scripture Reading – Acts 3:12-19

Jason Brock

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Scripture Reading – 1 John 2:28 -3:10

Pastor Eric

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Thanks be to God

Music for Inspiration – *Here’s One* – Traditional Spiritual

Donn Wisdom, tenor

Message – “Live as Children of God”

Pastor Eric

Song of Decision – *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It* - #279 (st. 1, 2 & 4)

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, music by William J Kirkpatrick REDEEMED

Redeemed how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child, and forever, I am.

Refrain

Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence with me doth continually dwell.

Refrain

I know I shall see in His beauty, the King in whose law I delight;
Who lovingly guarded my footsteps and giveth me songs in the night.

Refrain

Benediction

Pastor Eric

Song of Sending – *Because He Lives* - #449 (refrain)

Word by Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither, music by William J. Gaither
© 1971 William J. Gaither RESURRECTION

Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.

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

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Live as Children of God
Eastertide Week 3
April 18, 2021
1 John 2:28-3:10

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;

1 John 3:1 (NRSV)

Sermon Guide

5th Grade Science Definitions

_____ = substances that are formed by physically mixing two or more substances.

_____ = substances which can be formed by chemically combining two or more elements.

Children of the _____: A mixture

Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning (1 Jn 3:8)

Description: _____ their identity

Children of _____: A Compound

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he[a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Description: Transformed identity

_____ transforms our identity so we may be called children of God.



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