

The Worship of God

April 25, 2021

10:00 am

Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric

Call to Worship - Psalm 86:12-13; Romans 8:38-39

Pastor Eric and Donn Wisdom

I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart;

I will glorify Your name forever.

For great is Your love toward me;

You have delivered me from the depths of the grave.

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
**nor any other created thing will have the power to separate us
from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!**

Song of Praise and Testimony – *Praise Him! Praise Him!* - #149 (all stanzas)

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, music by Chester G. Allen JOYFUL SONG

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!

Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory,

Strength and honor give to His holy name!

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;

In His arms He carries them all day long.

Refrain

Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

For our sins He suffered and bled and died;

He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,

Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the crucified.

Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong!

Refrain

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;

Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!

Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
Power and glory unto the Lord belong!

Refrain

The Love of God - #111 (refrain only)

Words by Frederick M. Lehman and Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai,
music by Frederick M. Lehman LOVE OF GOD

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure – the saints' and angels' song!

Invocation

Linda Stott

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

Words and music by Kurt Kaiser © 1975 Word Music, LLC 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.

I Love You, Lord - #555 (st. 1 twice)

Words and music by Laurie Klein © 1978 House of Mercy Music I LOVE YOU LORD

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You; Oh, my soul, rejoice!
Take joy my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Live in Charity - #523 in the Chalice Hymnal

Words 9th c. Latin, translated Taize, music by Jacques Berthier UBI CARITAS

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Scripture Reading – 1 John 3:16-24

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Carol Lavin

Scripture Reading – Acts 4:5-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Pastor Eric

Music for Inspiration – *The God Who Stays*

Words and music by AJ Pruis, Jonathan Smith, Matthew West
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Worship First, Bill Smith, soloist

If I were You I would've given up on me by now
I would've labeled me a lost cause
'Cause I feel just like a lost cause

If I were You I would've turned around and walked away
I would've labeled me beyond repair
'Cause I feel like I'm beyond repair

Oh, but somehow You don't see me like I do
Somehow You're still here

Chorus

You're the God who stays, You're the God who stays,
You're the one who runs in my direction when the whole world walks away.
You're the God who stands with wide open arms,
And You tell me nothing I have ever done can separate my heart
From the God who stays

I used to hide every time I thought I let You down
I always thought I had to earn my way
But I'm learning You don't work that way, no.

'Cause somehow You don't see me like I do
Somehow You're still here

Chorus

My shame can't separate, my guilt can't separate,
My past can't separate, I'm Yours forever.

My sin can't separate, my scars can't separate,
My failures can't separate, I'm Yours forever.

No enemy can separate, no power of hell can take away.
Your love for me will never change. I'm Yours forever.

Chorus

Message – “Loving in Action”

Pastor Eric

Song of Decision – *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* - #385 (all stanzas)

Words and music by Peter Scholtes ©1966 F.E.I. Publications ST. BRENDAN'S

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity ay one day be restored.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Refrain

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

Refrain

Benediction

Pastor Eric

**Song of Sending – *Love Each Other! There is Peace!* – #688 in the Chalice Hymnal
st. 4 from the hymn *When, In Awe of God's Creation***

Words by Jane Parker Huber, music by Rowland H. Prichard
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Since we face an unknown future, challenged by the work at hand.
Still the God of all creation summons us with one command:
“Love each other!” Will we do it?
“Love each other!” Wars might cease!
“Love each other!” Justice follows:
“Love each other!” There is peace!

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

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