

The Worship of God

May 2, 2021

10:00 am

Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric

Call to Worship - John 13:34

Pastor Eric

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Music for Inspiration – *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* – Ernest Sands

Sanctuary Choir

**Hymn Testimony – *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* (paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13) –
#440 in Celebrating Grace Hymnal**

Words by Hal Hopson © 1972 Hope Publishing Co

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Song of Proclamation – *Tell It out with Gladness* - #369 (all 3 stanzas)

Words by Georgia Harkness, music by Ludwig van Beethoven, words © 1966
The Hymn Society of America HYMN TO JOY

Tell it! Tell it out with gladness, God's good news to everyone;
Sin forgiven, lives transfigured, all in God's great loving plan.
In the Book is found the witness to His mighty acts of yore:
Listen, heed, obey, and serve Him, kneel before Him and adore.

Lord, we thank Thee for the treasure hid within the sacred page.
We would be Thy faithful heralds to our deeply troubled age;
We would publish Thy salvation, ever on Thy side to stand,
Living, serving, giving, sending Life to quicken every land.

"Go and teach," thus spoke the Master, risen victor from the grave;
Still He gives this great commission to His faithful one, and brave.
Let all know the gospel story of what we through Christ can be.
Send it! Send it to the nations that God's love may set us free.

Invocation

Suzette Edwards

Songs of Testimony – *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* - #237 (st. 1 & 4)

Words and music by Charles H. Gabriel MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

Refrain

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see;
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

Refrain

Sharing Faith

Bill Smith

Scripture Reading – Acts 8:26-40

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Randy Jarmon

Scripture Reading – 1 John 4:7-12

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Message – “Revealing God's Love”

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Song of Decision – *Share His Love* - #358 (st. 1 & 3)

Words and music by William J. Reynolds

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The love of God is broader than earth's vast expanse.
'Tis deeper and wider than the sea.
Love reaches out to all to bring abundant life,
For God so loved the world His only Son He gave.

Refrain

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you,
Share His love by sharing of your faith;
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you every moment, every day.

We show the love of God each day we live,
Reveal Christ's presence in our lives;
And how the Holy Spirit guides us day by day,
For God so loved the world His only Son He gave.

Refrain

Stewardship Prayer

Bobby Bennett

Affirmation in Song – *Doxology* - #668

Music by Thomas Ken, music from the Genevan Psalter, 1551 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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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Revealing God's Love

Eastertide Week 5

May 2, 2021

1 John 4:7-12

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

1 John 3:1 (NRSV)

Sermon Guide

We love because God's love lives in us.

The _____ of Love

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

The _____ of Love

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 Jn 4:10)

The _____ of Love

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. (1 Jn 4:12)

Application

1. Be _____

2. Be _____