

The Worship of God

May 16, 2021

10:00 am

Seventh Sunday in Eastertide

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric Spivey

Call to Worship - Psalms 57:7; 101:1; 108:1

Pastor Eric and Donn Wisdom

My heart is confident, God, so very confident.

I will sing; I will sing praises!

I will praise You for Your faithfulness, my God.

I will sing of faithful love and justice;

I will sing praise to You, O Lord.

I will sing praises with my entire being!

Song of Proclamation – *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* - #617 (all stanzas)

Words by Francis H. Fowler, music by Rowland H. Prichard HYFRYDOL

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me;
How He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary.
I was lost but Jesus found me – found the sheep that went astray;
Threw His loving arms around me, drew me back into His way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me; faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me, but He freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me, sorrow's paths I often tread,
But the Savior still is with me, by His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over, where the loved ones I shall meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me—
Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

Invocation

Martha Samborski

Songs of Testimony – *I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me* - #568 (st. 1)

Words and music traditional I'M SO GLAD

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me! I'm so glad Jesus lifted me!
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me! Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me!

Halle, Halle - #433 (all stanzas) in the Celebrating Grace Hymnal

Words by George Mulrain, © 1996 George Mulrain, music Caribbean Folk Song
© 1995 General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

"I AM the Bread of Life, feed on Me;" "I AM the One, True Vine, grow in Me;"
"I AM the Bread of Life, feed on Me;" Hallelujah, hallelujah.

"I AM the Resurrection, live in Me;" "I AM the Way, the Truth, follow Me;"
"I AM the resurrection, live in Me;" Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High - #347

Words and music by Rick Founds
©1989 Maranatha Praise Inc. LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Scripture Reading – 1 John 5:9-13

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Pastor Eric

Scripture Reading – Acts 1:15-17; 21-26

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Bill Smith

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 – “Testifying to the Light”

Pastor Eric

**Observance of Holy Communion – Partaking of the Bread and the Cup
Jesus said...“Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Song of Decision – *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound* - #361 (st. 1, 3 & 4)

Words by Priscilla Owens, music by Williams J. Kirkpatrick JESUS SAVES

We have heard the joyful sound; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to ev'ry land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'Tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing above the battle strife; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom when the heart for mercy craves;
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free; highest hills and deepest caves;
This our song of victory; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Stewardship Prayer

Dick Brodbeck

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 – *Because He Lives* - #449 (refrain)

Word by Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither, music by William J. Gaither
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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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Testifying to the Light

Easteride Week 7

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1 John 5:9-13

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13 (NRSV)

Sermon Guide

Enteral Life with Jesus:

- Spiritual _____ (Jn 4:14)
- Everlasting (Jn 4:14)
- _____ (Jn 10:10)
- Knowledge (17:3)
- _____ (6:33)

Barriers to experiencing eternal life:

1. No _____ or heart testimony
Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. (1 Jn 5:10b)
2. Head, but not _____ testimony
Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. (1 Jn 5:10a)
3. Testimony, but no _____
Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 Jn 5:12)

Live with confidence in the eternal _____ given to you by faith in Jesus.