

## The Worship of God

June 13, 2021

10:00 AM

Third Sunday After Pentecost

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric Spivey

### Call to Worship - *A Confession of Faith* (adapted from Leo Tolstoy)

I believe in God, who for me is Spirit, Love, Grace, the principle of all things.

**I believe that God is in me, as I am in Him.**

I believe that the true welfare of humanity consists in fulfilling the will of God.

**I believe that the will of God is that everyone should love others, and should act toward others as they desire that they should act in return.**

I believe that each of us is unique, with a specific design for service.

**I believe that while my individual gifts are vitally important, I live completely in community.**

I believe it is essential to be committed to my family, friends and community of faith.

**I believe that the reason of life is, simply, for each of us to grow in love.**

***I believe that this growth in love will contribute more than any other force to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.***

### Hymn of Devotion – *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* - #68 in *A Singing Faith*

Words by Jane Parker Huber © 1983 by Jane Parker Huber, music by John Zundel BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Invocation

Mike Nadeau

**Hymn of Testimony – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* - #98**

Words by Robert Robinson, traditional American melody from John Wyeth's  
*Repository of Sacred Music* NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise;  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wonder, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seat it; seal it for Thy courts above.

**Graduate Recognition: Sian Seng**

**Song of Testimony – *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* - #614 in The Chalice Hymnal**

Words and music from an African-American spiritual; arr. © 1995 The Chalice Press

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere...

Work...pray...sing

**Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor Eric**

**Message – “Celebrating Commitment: Sacred Partners”**

**Pastor Eric**

**Songs of Response – *Seekers of Your Heart* - #548**

Words and music by Melodie Tunney, Dick Tunney, Beverly Darnall

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Lord, we want too know You; live our lives to show You  
All the love we owe you – we're seekers of Your heart.

***More Love to Thee, O Christ* - #559**

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!

**More About Jesus - #564**

Words by Eliza E. Hewitt, music by John R. Sweney SWENEY

More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show;  
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.

Refrain

More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;  
More of his saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.

More about Jesus let me learn, more of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me.

Refrain

**Stewardship Prayer**

**Randy Jarmon**

**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 – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me - #614 in The Chalice Hymnal**

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I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere...

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

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**Celebrating Commitment  
as Sacred Partners**

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1 Corinthians 12:12-27

First Baptist Church, Gainesville Florida  
*Church Covenant, 1870*

We, the members of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, deeply conscious of the solemn nature of our action in the presence of the most High God, and of Jesus the Head of the Church, now covenant with each other that we will endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the body of peace; that we will strive to live soberly, righteously, and godly in the world and thus let our light shine before men; that we will watch over each other for mutual spiritual profit; that we will endeavor to provoke one another to love and good works; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together; that by maintaining the preaching of the gospel and all the ordinances instituted by our Redeemer; by giving of our means as God shall prosper us; by uniting labor and importunate prayer we will strive together to build up our church and make it a mighty agency for the turning of our fellow creatures from sin and Satan unto God.

Sermon Guide

**Our Commitment \_\_\_\_\_ Us Together**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12)

**Our Commitment Leads to \_\_\_\_\_ Together**

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. (1 Cor. 12:26)

**Our Commitment Lives in Gospel \_\_\_\_\_**

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.  
(1 Cor. 12:18)