

The Worship of God

April 28, 2023

10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

****Please stand as you are able**

Pre-Worship begins at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Ray Johnson

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Hayes)(#32)

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

Call to Worship & Invocation

Dada McGlynn

In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.

With unsettled questions in our hearts,

Open our ears

to hear your word.

Open our eyes

to see your presence.

Open our arms

to the embrace of community.

Open our minds

to the beauty of truth.

Open our hearts

to the joy of new life.

With the mystery of God enshrouding us,

We know that we, who were lost, are now found and loved.

****Opening Hymn #96**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;

As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. (Refrain)

What Does It Mean to “Love” God - Video

Offertory Hymn #585

Count Your Blessings

When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

(Refrain)

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev’ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by. (Refrain)

So amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey’s end. (Refrain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Diane Adams, Deacon

Offertory

Lord, Be Glorified (Hayes)(#542)

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

Choir Anthem

Creation Praise (Hayes)

Sanctuary Choir

Message

*Our Values: We Love Everyone
Matthew 22:34-40 (NLT)*

Pastor Ray

**Closing Hymn #133

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You,
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let ev’ry breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King,
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You. (Repeat all)

Benediction

Pastor Ray

Song of Sending

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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Postlude

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

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