

The Worship of God

May 12, 2024

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

Since I Have Been Redeemed (Berry)(#284)

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

Call to Worship & Invocation

Beth Herring

Welcome to all who have come in search of something;

We have come to seek the living God.

Happy are those who find a way and follow that path;

We do not make this journey by ourselves.

Blessed are those who give their lives over to their Creator.

In faith, in trust, with hope, let us worship God.

****Opening Hymn #421**

The Master Hath Come

The Master hath come, And He calls us to follow
The track of the footprints He leaves on our way;
Far over the mountain And thro' the deep hollow,
The path leads us on to the mansions of day:

The Master hath called us, the children who fear Him,
Who march 'neath Christ's banner, His own little band;
We love Him and seek Him, we long to be near Him,
And rest in the light Of His beautiful land.

The Master hath called us, in life's early morning,
With spirits as fresh as the dew on the sod:
We turn from the world, with its smiles and its scorning,
To cast in our lot With the people of God:

The Master hath called us, His sons and His daughters,
We plead for His blessing And trust in His love;
And thro' the green pastures, beside the still waters,
He'll lead us at last To His kingdom above.

RESPONSIVE READING: THE WORD OF GOD*

Leader: When we were but children, we sang a simple song: "Jesus loves me, this I know . . ."

All: "For the Bible tells me so."

Leader: "Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong."

All: "Yes, Jesus loves me."

Leader: "Yes, Jesus loves me."

All: "Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so."

Leader: Every summer, our children and grandchildren, the children of friends and neighbors discover the love of Jesus in our hallways and classrooms. They sing and they play. They worship and they build. And every day, they say:

All: "I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's holy word, and will make it a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path, and I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God."

Leader: The word of God . . .

All: Is living and active

Leader: The word of God . . .

All: Is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Leader: The word of God pierces until it divides soul from spirit.

All: The word of God is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Leader: All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

All: All Scripture corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare us to do every good work.

Leader: The rain and the snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry.

All: It is the same with the Word of God. God sends it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish what God wants it to, and it will prosper everywhere that God sends it.

*Adapted from Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 55:10-11 (NLT)

Offertory Hymn #509

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, o Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee,
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Billy Wright, Deacon

Offertory

The Light of the World is Jesus (Hayes)

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

Message

*Our Values: Bible-Based
Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NLT)*

Pastor Ray

****Closing Hymn**

I Will Rise (Tomlin)

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail;
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say "it is well."

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed,
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead!

And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain,
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees
And rise; I will rise.

As the Easter dawn comes clear, and darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed,
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead!

And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain,
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees
And rise; I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing "Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart: "Worthy is the Lamb!" (repeat)

And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain,
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees
And rise; I will rise. (repeat)

Benediction

Pastor Ray

Song of Sending

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

Postlude

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

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