

The Worship of God

August 2, 2026

10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

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

Prelude

Fughetta on "Lobe Den Herren"

Ryan Stone, Organ

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Ray Johnson

Call to Worship and Invocation

Susan Balloon

Who is my neighbor?

**The righteous and the unrighteous,
the just and the wicked.**

Who else is my neighbor?

**The rich and the poor,
the weak and the strong.**

Is anyone else my neighbor?

**The great and the small,
the arrogant and the humble.**

They are no different than I am!

If we love ourselves, we must love our neighbors too.

**** Hymn of Dedication #443**

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children, thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,

Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Reflections from above the 49th Parallel

Pastor Ray

**** Hymn of Inspiration (Tune #1)**

Who Is My Neighbor?

“Who is my neighbor?” A lawyer asked Jesus, to test him.
So Jesus told him a story to answer his question:
Lonely the way, lonely the traveler one day;
Robbers attacked him and left him.

First down the road came a priest who just chose to ignore him.
Next came a Levite who wouldn't do anything for him.
Then one despised, hated in everyone's eyes,
Knelt down to heal and restore him.

Tending the wounds of the man, the Samaritan labored.
He was the one with compassion, the one in God's favor.
Not by a creed, but by responding to need,
He proved to be the good neighbor.

Offertory Prayer

Bobby Bennett, Deacon

Offertory

Come, Let Us Bow Down and Worship (Hayes, #7)

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

Message in Music

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You (Althouse)

Sanctuary Choir

*****Children's Worship may leave**

Message

***Won't I Be Your Neighbor?
Luke 10:25-37 (NLT)***

Pastor Ray

**** Hymn of Service**

Jesu, Jesu

(Refrain)
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

Kneels at the feet of His friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
Varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)

These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love.
All these are neighbors to us and You. (Refrain)

Loving puts us on our knees,
Willing to wash others' feet,
This is the way we should live like You. (Refrain)

Regular Scheduled Business Meeting

Russell Clifton, Moderator

Benediction

Pastor Ray

Postlude

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

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