

The Worship of God

October 25, 2026

10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

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

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Brenda Cohen

Prelude

Fughetta on "Beach Spring" (#371)

Ryan Stone, Organ

Call to Worship and Invocation

Susan Balloon

The voice of God calls us to gather, bringing the joys we share and the burdens we carry.

We do not come alone; our God is here with us in every circumstance.

In times of joy and in moments of trial, His steadfast love never fails.

God is our refuge and our strength, the one who dwells among His people.

Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

Rejoice, people of God, for the Lord is near!

Rejoice, for God is truly with us.

**** Hymn of Celebration #99**

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,

His love endures forever!

For He is good, He is above all things,

His love endures forever!

[Chorus]

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise!

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,

Forever God is with us, forever, forever!

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,

His love endures forever!

For the life that's been reborn,

His love endures forever! [Chorus]

From the rising to the setting sun,

His love endures forever!

And by the grace of God, we will carry on,

His love endures forever! [Chorus]

Music Video: There Was Jesus – Zach Williams & Dolly Parton

**** Hymn of Mission (Tune #371) *Lord, You Give the Great Commission***

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name, baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Offertory Prayer

Jada Getsay, Deacon

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul (Berry, #447)

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

Message in Music

In This Very Room (Harris)

Sanctuary Choir

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

Message

***Promise of Presence
Matthew 28:16-20 (NLT)***

Pastor Ray

**** Hymn of Invitation #440**

Here I Am, Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?**

[Chorus]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain;
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

Benediction

Pastor Ray

Song of Sending

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Postlude

Grace Brodbeck, Piano

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