The Worship of God

November 15, 2026
10:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church
Gainesville, Florida
Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Worship **Pastor Lynn Williams**

Baptism: Pamela Demirjian & Rylan Herrera **Pastor Ray Johnson**

Prelude ***Fughetta on "St Peter" (#394)*** **Ryan Stone, Organ**

**** Hymn of Unity #394** ***In Christ there Is No East or West***

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere, their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding all mankind.

Join hands then, children of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North:
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

Call to Worship and Invocation **Dick Brodbeck**

Beloved, when hope is high, abundance surrounds us, and we bask in the goodness of God's provision, God calls to us…
Open your heart and your hands.
When disaster strikes, need overwhelms the senses, and we carry the weight and worry of a perilous present and unknown future, God calls to us…
Open your heart and your hands.
When we are moved with compassion, our hearts urging us to reach out to support our siblings in Christ, God calls to us…
Open your heart and your hands.
Children of God, as we gather for worship today, listen! God call us to open our hearts and our hands to one another in need and in abundance.
May our worship open our hearts and our hands to one another as we learn to share with one another in all seasons, for we are all one in the Body of Christ.

**** Hymn of Dedication (Tune #98)** ***There are Many Ways of Sharing***

There are many ways of sharing, but God's Spirit gives each one.
There are dif'rent ways of caring; it's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, may we hear You when You call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing for the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When You call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving You.
God, we join in celebration of the talents You impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts You give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share Your Word.
Give us unity and vision as we serve Your church and world.

Offertory Prayer **Sandra Sharron, Deacon**

Offertory ***Sarabande from Bach's Cello Suite Nr. 1*** **Sean Muller, Cello**

Message in Music ***For Everyone Born (arr. Trenney)*** **Sanctuary Choir**

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

Message ***What About Jerusalem?*** **Pastor Ray**
2 Corinthians 8:1-14 (NLT)

**** Hymn of Invitation #386** ***Brethren, We Have Met to Worship***

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God,
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too,
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Benediction **Pastor Ray**

Song of Sending

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Postlude **Grace Brodbeck, Piano**

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