

June 9, 2024 WORSHIP First Baptist

Prelude (Emma & Daniel) & **Quiet Meditation** (suggested reading Psalm 138)

Call to Worship.....Susan

Some of us come today with hearts weighed down with anxiety, fear, despair, and hurt. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today with hearts that feel light with relief, joy, comfort, and gratitude. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today not knowing what we think about God, confused and disappointed that the world God made is so full of evils of every kind. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Be with us, God, in all that we bring with us, as we gather to encounter your unchanging love.

We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity who is immutable in love.

Amen.

"Shout To The Lord" (1406918)

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
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 every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

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

Darlene Zschech

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Prayer of Approach.....Susan

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN.

“Forever” (3148428)

1. 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
Sing praise sing praise

2. With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

3. 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
Sing praise sing praise

Chris Tomlin

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2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1.....Emma

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Prayer of Confession.....Susan

Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a “puppet master” but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" #472

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Assurance of Pardon.....Susan

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours God’s love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace. AMEN.

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” #72

1. 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 hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

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

2.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

3.Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

Passing the Peace.....Susan

Ministry Opportunities, Celebrations & Concerns.....Susan

"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer" (3552533)

1.Jesus draw me ever nearer

As I labour through the storm
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow though I'm worn

Chorus

May this journey bring a blessing
May I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing
With Your likeness let me wake
2. Jesus guide me through the tempest
Keep my spirit staid and sure
When the midnight meets the morning
Let me love You even more

3. Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage
Let me leave them at Your throne

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Prayer of Dedication.....Susan

God of all creation, in humble gratitude, we offer our gifts, celebrating your steadfast love that endures forever. As we reflect on your faithfulness, help us align our hearts with your divine rhythm. Guide us to sing your praises boldly, inviting others to join in the song of your love. Amid trials and triumphs, may our worship be a testament to your enduring grace. As we acknowledge our human frailty, reassure us of your unwavering presence. Lead us in the work of your hands, empowering us to love as you do. Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond. Amen.

Ministry of Music "Give Me Jesus" (4874344)Emma/Daniel

Prayer of the People.....Susan

1 Samuel 8:4-20.....Ron

⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵ and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷ and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸ Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹ Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹² and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵ He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.'

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

Message / Rev. Ron Humphries

"Living For Jesus"

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true
Striving to please Him in all that I do
Yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free

This is the pathway of blessing for me

Chorus

O Jesus Lord and Savior
I give myself to Thee
For Thou in Thy atonement
Didst give Thyself for me
I own no other master
My heart shall be Thy throne
My life I give henceforth to live
O Christ for Thee alone

2.Living for Jesus who died in my place
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace
Such love constrains me to answer His call
Follow His leading and give Him my all

3.Living for Jesus through earth's little while
My dearest treasure the light of His smile
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him

Benediction**Susan**

Sisters and brothers of Christ, go into all the world!

Go forth with forgiveness and grace.

Go forth with compassion and love.

We go as Christ's family

for all the world to see.

Postlude (Emma & Daniel)