



## Morning Worship

October 3, 2021

*As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.  
For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.  
But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,  
and His righteousness to his children's children, to such as keep His covenant,  
and to those who remember His commandments to do them. ~ Psalm 103:15-18*

### Instrumental Prelude

Kathleen Wilkins, Organist

### Hymn of Praise

#### *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

### Morning Prayer

### Words of Welcome

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

### The Ordinance of Baptism

Cullen Bonine

### Choral Worship

#### *I'll Worship Only at the Feet of Jesus*

*words and music by Gloria and Bill Gaither*

Dr. Sarah Spencer, pianist

### Song of Assurance

#### *Jesus is All the World to Me*

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;  
He is my strength from day to day, without Him I would fall.  
When I am sad, to Him I go, no other one can cheer me so;  
When I am sad, He makes me glad, He's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, my friend in trials sore;  
I go to Him for blessings, and He gives them o'er and o'er.  
He sends the sunshine and the rain, He sends the harvest's golden grain;  
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, He's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;  
I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when life's fleeting days shall end.  
Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end;  
Eternal life, eternal joy, He's my friend.

## Lessons from Scripture

**Ephesians 1:1-15**

**Heather & Karl Brensike**, readers

## Congregational Hymn

### *Jesus Is Lord of All*

Jesus is Savior and Lord of my life,  
My hope my glory my all;  
Wonderful Master in joy and in strife,  
On Him, you too, may call.

#### **Chorus:**

Jesus is Lord of all, Jesus is Lord of all,  
Lord of my thoughts and my service each day,  
Jesus is Lord of all.

Blessed Redeemer, all glorious King,  
Worthy of rev'ence I pay;  
Tribute and praises I joyfully bring  
To Him, the Life, the Way.

#### **Chorus**

Will you surrender your all to Him now?  
Follow His will and obey,  
Crown Him as Sov'reign, before His throne bow;  
Give Him your heart today.

#### **Chorus**

## Sermon

**Dr. Steven Laufer**

### *Something Mysterious*

**Ephesians 1:1-15**

## Closing Song

### *Because He Lives*

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

#### **Chorus:**

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy He gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives!

***Chorus***

And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

***Chorus***

**Parting Words**

**Christian Johns**

**Postlude**

**Kathleen Wilkins**



**Welcome, Dr. Steven Laufer!**

Dr. Steven Laufer recently served ten years as the Sr. Pastor at University Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Dr. Laufer holds a Ph.D. in Old Testament Studies and Biblical Hebrew from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has two sons: Noah, age 18, and Sam, age 16. He has taught in ministry settings in Thailand, Honduras, Russia, South Africa, Mexico, and Colombia, as well as teaching as an adjunct for Truett Seminary at Baylor University.

Steven is a fan of music, sports, pop culture, food and drinks, travel, and generally squeezing as much out of life as possible. He is part owner of a vinyl record store in Webster, TX, plays beach volleyball, fly fishes, watches Netflix, loves the theater, is a perpetual reader, and is constantly trying to find ways to make the faith of the Bible understandable and applicable to modern, secular society.