



## Morning Worship

June 13, 2021

*Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth,"  
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.  
I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.  
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people,  
and he will dwell with them. They will be his people,  
and God himself will be with them and be their God. ~ Revelation 21:1-3*

### Invitation to Worship

**Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor**

### Instrumental Prelude

**Kathleen Wilkins, Organist**

### Hymn of Praise

#### ***We're Marching to Zion***

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,  
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

#### ***Chorus:***

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
But children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King,  
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

#### ***Chorus***

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,  
Before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

#### ***Chorus***

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
We're marching thru Immanuel's ground, we're marching thru Immanuel's ground,  
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

#### ***Chorus***

### Morning Prayer

### Words of Welcome

**Christian Johns, Youth Minister**

### Choral Worship

**Sanctuary Choir**

## ***Holy Ground***

*Steve Cranford, soloist*

### **Hymn of Blessing**

#### ***Ancient Words***

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart; oh, let the Ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world where e'er we roam God's ancient words will guide us Home.

#### ***Chorus:***

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts, oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice; oh, heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart; oh, let the ancient words impart.

#### ***Chorus***

### **Lessons from Scripture**

**Old Testament: Psalm 3**

**New Testament: Romans 8:31-39**

### **Hymn of Assurance**

#### ***Redeemed***

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child and forever I am.

#### ***Chorus:***

Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
His child and forever I am.

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.

#### ***Chorus***

I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.

#### ***Chorus***

### **Sermon**

**Rev. Dennis Johns**

#### ***Restless***

**2 Corinthians 5:1-9**

## Closing Song

### *There's a Land that is Fairer Than Day*

There's a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar;  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

#### ***Chorus:***

In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blessed;  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,  
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

#### ***Chorus***

## Parting Words

Christian Johns

## Postlude

Kathleen Wilkins



## Our Guest Speaker Today

Dennis Johns is currently the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry at First Baptist Church of Texas City, and has been on staff there since 1995. Among his talents are the ability to fill in when needed in the pulpit, singing, teaching, and equipping students for ministry. He is well-known in the Texas City community due to his involvement and willingness to help with many civic activities.

Dennis received his Bachelor of Behavioral Science from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. In 2019, he completed a master's degree in Christian Spiritual Formation and Leadership from Friends University in Wichita, KS. He has served churches in Abilene and Huntsville, Texas, as well as in Dunwoody, Georgia.

His wife, Kelly, was born and raised in Galveston and grew up in the ministry of First Baptist Church of Galveston. They met on a cruise and were married less than a year later. They have two boys: ROBC's own Youth Minister, Christian, and Parker, who is a student at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.