



Morning Worship

September 12, 2021

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

~ Hebrews 10:23-25

Invitation to Worship

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

Instrumental Prelude

Dr. Sarah Spencer, Pianist

Opening Sentences

inspired by Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Christ,

we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,

as His disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to destroy dreams and swallow up whole lives,

we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Hymn of Praise

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Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

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Ye chosen seed of Israel's chosen race
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
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Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
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Morning Prayer

Words of Welcome

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

Songs of Assurance

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens - life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them - He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

Step by Step

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise you.
Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

Lessons from Scripture

Psalm 23

Jan Holland, reader

Choral Worship

Deep, Deep Love

words and music by Terry Butler

arrangement by Mark Hayes

Cheri Pemble, soloist

Congregational Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many unto glory.
Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.

Sermon

Dr. Steven Laufer

Dive Bar on the East Side

John 4:4-42

Closing Song

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Chorus:

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.

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion -
For more than conquerors we are!

Chorus

Parting Words

Greg Stahl

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. He 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