



Morning Worship

July 25, 2021

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all,
and in you all. ~Ephesians 4:4-6

Invitation to Worship

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

Instrumental Prelude

Kathleen Wilkins, Organist

Opening Sentences

inspired by Psalm 42 and Psalm 43

Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

We come in search of help and hope.

Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Come, you who are in need of good news.

We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

Come and find refuge in God, your Rock.

Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;

Hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,

Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Morning Prayer

Words of Welcome

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

Hymn of Promise

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 face.

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.

Sanctuary Choir

Come to Me

choral arrangement by Dan Forrest

text adapted from Matthew 11:25, 28-29; 2 Corinthians 6:18 and 1 John 3:1

Harrison Poe, soloist

Cheri Pemble, reader

Dr. Sarah Spencer, pianist

Hymns of Assurance

Footsteps of Jesus

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling, "Come, follow Me!"
And we see where Thy footprints falling, lead us to Thee.

Chorus:

Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go.

Though they lead o'er the cold dark mountains, seeking His sheep,
Or along by Siloam's fountains, helping the weak.

Chorus

Then at last, when on high He sees us, our journey done,
We will rest where the steps of Jesus end at His throne.

Chorus

We Are Travelers on a Journey

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in Heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Sermon

Dr. Lonny Poe

Little Steps

Acts 8

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. Lonny Poe!

ROBC welcomes Dr. Lonny Poe to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Poe was born and raised in Los Alamos, New Mexico. A graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, he also earned his Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and his Doctorate of Ministry from Brite Divinity School at TCU. He has served as Senior Pastor at churches throughout Texas, most recently at Sunset Canyon Baptist Church in Dripping Springs for 18 years. Lonny and his wife, Deanne, have 4 adult children and one grandbaby. Their current ministry is Shady Fig Ministries, which they started in January, 2021.

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