

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 14, 2021

11:00 AM

Prelude *Cross of Jesus* arr. Broughton
Ann Holt, organ

Call to Worship *He's Always Been Faithful* arr. Rhodes

**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.
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!**

This is my anthem, this is my song: the theme of the stories I've heard for so long.
God has been faithful, He will be again. His loving compassion, it knows no end.
All I have need of His hand will provide. He's always been faithful,
He's always been faithful, He's always been faithful to me.

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Greeting the Worshippers and Invocation Rev. Chris Howe

New Testament Reading Hebrews 10:19-23 Ronda Howe

Hymn of Praise *It Is Well with My Soul* VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my sinful estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Chorus**

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought: My sin—not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Chorus**

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so," it is well with my soul. **Chorus**

Children's Message Rev. Chris Howe

Time of Prayer Rev. Chris Howe

Lenten Song *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* LAND OF REST

Lord, through these days of penitence, and through Your passiontide,
Forevermore, in life and death, O Christ, with us abide.

Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,
An Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!

A Time of Remembrance

Scripture and Remarks		Rev. Chris Howe
Song of Remembrance	<i>Lament</i> Isabel Chatman, Amy Woolard, Chuck Granger, & Steve Holt	arr. Duren
Litany		Psalm 145:1-2,4a,11-12,18,21-22
<p>One year has passed since everything changed. One year since we stopped gathering in one place to worship. One year since our families stayed home. One year since a new virus got its name.</p> <p>Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress.</p> <p>One year since grandparents and grandchildren, families, were separated in many ways. One year since empty store shelves and stockpiling became new realities. One year since communities began to see sickness and death flooding in. One year since the realization that you or I, or a parent or a friend—anyone, really-- could be the next victim.</p> <p>Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call. My heart is stricken and withered like grass.</p> <p>One year since words like “unprecedented” and “mask-wearing” and “pandemic” and “Zoom” suddenly became commonplace in our conversations.</p> <p>My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.</p> <p>365 days or so since everything changed.</p> <p>But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations.</p> <p>In our sadness and grief for people lost and time lost, in our longing for normalcy and a return to life as we knew it, in this place of in-between-ness, create in us, O God, a new understanding of your faithfulness and constancy. Because we know now, maybe more than ever before, that even when everything has changed, You remain the same. Faithfully loving us, always surrounding us, never leaving us.</p> <p>Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord. . .so that the name of the Lord may be declared in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.</p>		
Instrumental Meditation	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Ann Holt and Shannon Hall	arr. McDonald
Doxology	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.	OLD HUNDREDTH
Scripture	2 Kings 20:1-6	
Message	<i>God Sees Your Tears</i>	Rev. Chris Howe

Hymn of Commitment

When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart

RESIGNATION

When sorrow floods the troubled heart and clouds the mind with fears,
Affliction presses from the soul the bitter flow of tears.

God's weeping children raise the prayer: "Almighty God, how long
'Til tears shall cease and silence break and grief be turned to song?"

The voice is stilled, no words express the pain that lingers on;
Our prayer becomes a silent sigh; all mortal speech is gone.

The Holy Spirit groans in us with intercession strong;
When tears have ceased and silence breaks, the Spirit stirs a song.

The sting of death cannot forbid the child of God to sing.
The scars we bear may long remain, but resurrection brings
The healing of the broken heart, the place where we belong.

Our tears shall cease, our silence breaks in Christ, the living Song.

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Benediction

Rev. Chris Howe

Postlude

Give Thanks unto God
Ann Holt, organ

Ryan

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory
of God and in loving memory of Sylvia Jeffcoat,
who was taken from us too soon.
Her friends and family love her and miss her dearly.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

11:00 AM Worship Service

Tune in to 104.5 FM for our worship service at 11:00 AM or use the links below for our live stream!

On FBCG Facebook page, at this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-of-Graham-111744995529852>

On FBCG Web site, at this link:

<https://fbcgraham.org/sermons-services/>

In-person worship is an option now.

Call the church office by Friday at noon to reserve your spot.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Stream on Shannon's Facebook page (Shannon Stewart Hall), everyone is welcomed to tune in.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 PM Mid-Week Prayer Meeting & Bible Study with Chris via ZOOM

Please contact the church office if you would like to know how to participate via ZOOM.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

11:30 AM Starfish, Team 3 (Take-Out only)

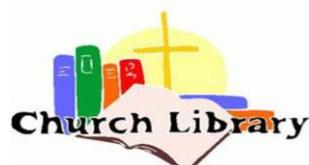
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes & Offerings Needed

Weekly \$5,261 Monthly \$22,796

Tithes & Offerings Received

March 7, 2021	\$8,225
March 14, 2021	
March 21, 2021	
March 28, 2021	



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