

**First Baptist Church    September 24, 2023**

**Prelude & Quiet Meditation** (suggested reading Psalm 145:1-8)

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 105:1-5)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,

**Make known God's deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to God, sing praises to God;

**Tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name;

**Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

Seek the LORD and God's strength;

**Seek God's presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works God has done,

**God's miracles, and the judgments God uttered.**

Give thanks to God as we enter this time of worship,

**Remembering all God has done for us.**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #71

**1.**Praise to the Lord the Almighty

The King of creation

O my soul praise Him

For He is your health and salvation

Come all who hear now to His temple draw near

Praise me in glad adoration

**2.**Praise to the Lord Above all things

So wondrously reigneth

Sheltering you under His wings

and so gently sustaining

Have you not seen all that is needful has been

Sent by His gracious ordaining

**3.**Praise to the Lord Who will prosper

Your work and defend you

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend you

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriends you

#### **4.Praise to the Lord**

O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that has life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him

CCLI Song # 43073

#### **Gathering Words**

In the prayers and the praise,  
in the words and the wonder:  
**we are given enough joy to live each day.**

In the justice for the oppressed,  
in the unexpected generosity for the lost:  
**we are given enough compassion  
to use in service each day.**

In the promises made to all,  
in the mercy offered to each:  
**we are given enough grace to share each day.**

#### **Prayer of Invocation**

“Faithful One” (465840)

#### **Verse**

Faithful One so unchanging  
Ageless One You're my Rock of peace  
Lord of all I depend on You  
I call out to You again and again  
I call out to You again and again

#### **Chorus**

You are my Rock in times of trouble

You lift me up when I fall down  
All through the storm  
Your love is the anchor  
My hope is in You alone

## **Ending**

My hope is in You  
My hope is in You  
Our hope is in You alone

Philippians 1:21-30

“Lord I Need You” (5925687)

## **Verse 1**

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

## **Chorus 1**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

## **Verse 2**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

## Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

## Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

CCLI Song # 5925687

## Prayer of Confession

Lord, many laborers are underpaid. They have to pay back their debts. Money lenders are exploiting them. They are in debt and they are leading a debt-driven life.

**Lord, we confess that we never shared our resources with these workers and hoarded our money.**

Lord, we believe that you are here to provide daily bread to all of us. But the masters of this world are not interested in the bread of their laborers.

**Lord, we confess that on many occasions we sided with the masters of this world and accepted their favour.**

God of Justice, may you pardon our sins and lead us in the life path of justice, peace, and your redeeming grace.

“Hope Of The Nations” (3540703)

## Verse

Jesus hope of the nations  
Jesus comfort for all who mourn

You are the source of heaven's hope on earth  
Jesus light in the darkness  
Jesus truth in each circumstance  
You are the source of heaven's light on earth

### **Pre-Chorus**

In history You lived and died  
You broke the chains You rose to life

### **Chorus**

You are the hope living in us  
You are the Rock in whom we trust  
You are the light shining for all the world to see  
You rose from the dead conquering fear  
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near  
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive  
(Lord we believe)

### **Tag**

Lord we believe  
Lord we believe  
Lord we believe

### **Ending**

Lord we believe  
(Jesus hope of the nations)  
Lord we believe  
(Jesus hope of the nations)  
Lord we believe  
(Jesus hope of the nations)  
Lord we believe  
(Jesus)  
Lord we believe

## Passing the Peace

Exodus 16:2-15

### Ministry Opportunities, Celebrations & Concerns

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” #575

1. Lord whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need  
Who upon the cross forsaken  
Offered mercy's perfect deed  
We your servants bring the worship  
Not of voice alone but heart  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Every gift that You impart

2. Still Your children wander homeless  
Still the hungry cry for bread  
Still the captives long for freedom  
Still in grief we mourn our dead  
As O Lord your deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul  
Use the love your spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole

3. As we worship grant us vision  
Till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quicken sight  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear  
Stirring us to tireless striving  
Your abundant life to share

4. Called by worship to your service

Forth in your dear name we go  
To the child, the youth, the aged  
Love in living deeds to show  
Hope and health goodwill and comfort  
Counsel aid and peace we give  
That your servants Lord in freedom  
May your mercy know and live

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Ministry of Music** "Make Room" (7122057)

#### **Verse**

*Here is where I lay it down  
Every burden every crown  
This is my surrender  
This is my surrender  
Here is where I lay it down  
Every lie and every doubt  
This is my surrender*

#### **Chorus**

*And I will make room for you  
To do whatever you want to  
To do whatever you want to  
And I will make room for you  
To do whatever you want to  
To do whatever you want to*

#### **Bridge**

*Shake up the ground of all my tradition  
Break down the walls of all my religion  
Your way is better  
Your way is better*

## ***Ending***

*Here is where I lay it down  
You are all I'm chasing now  
This is my surrender*

## **Prayer of the People**

Matthew 20:1-16

OUR DAILY BREAD

“Grace Alone” #436

### **Verse 1**

Every promise we can make  
Every prayer and step of faith  
Every diff'rence we will make  
Is only by His grace  
Every mountain we will climb  
Every ray of hope we shine  
Every blessing left behind  
Is only by His grace

### **Chorus**

Grace alone which God supplies  
Strength unknown He will provide  
Christ in us our Cornerstone  
We will go forth in grace alone

### **Verse 2**

Every soul we long to reach  
every heart we hope to teach  
Everywhere we share His peace  
Is only by His grace  
Every loving word we say  
Every tear we wipe away  
Every sorrow turned to praise



Is only by His grace

**Commission & Benediction**