

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

(Recorded in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary March 25, 2020.)

March 29, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Invocation..... Tamara Tillman Smathers

Hymn of PraiseGLORY TO HIS NAME
"Down at the Cross"

Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name!

Refrain:

**Glory to His name, Glory to His name.
There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name.**

I am so wondrously saved from sin, Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in; Glory to His name! [Refrain]

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete; Glory to His name! [Refrain]

A Personal Encounter with God... *Kristen Pope, leader*

"Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord" (Stanza 1)

1. Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
2. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place,
Come, bow be - fore Him now, with rev - er - ence and fear. In Him no
He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter His grace. No work too
sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground. Be still, for the
hard for Him, in faith re - ceive from Him. Be still, for the
pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

It's Sunday morning. Last week, with all its demands, is over. The coming week, with yet another round of challenges and demands, is not quite here. Close your eyes and be in the moment. No matter where you are in your thoughts and feelings—relieved about what you have accomplished, anxious about what's left undone, concerned about people or projects—no matter where you are in your journey this day—set all that aside and consider where you are right now. Whatever is true for you right now, in this moment, whether it be joy or sadness, gratitude or anxiety, let it come forward. When it is fully present, then listen . . . for God is present in these moments, too. God meets you where you are and calls you forward, moment by moment, guiding you slowly but surely toward transformation.

A Time for Silent Meditation and Confession

Extinguishing the Fifth Lenten Candle

(As the candle is extinguished, we acknowledge the darkness and pain in our world.)

Response. . . "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord" (Stanza 2)

Reading of Holy ScriptureJeremiah 29: 1, 4-7, 11

Gwen Stephens, reader

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Moments for Youth.John Uldrick

Morning Prayer *(with The Lord's Prayer)*.Matt DuVall

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Musical Offering. Rev. Reaves

"If You Search with All Your Heart" ...arr. Craig Courtney

Sermon. Rev. DuVall

"Welfare and A Future"

Hymn of Response. WYE VALLEY

"Like A River Glorious"

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day, Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest, Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Every joy or trial falleth from above, Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully, all for us to do; They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

Prayer of Stewardship. Rev. Pope

Offertory.Rev. Reaves

"How Great Thou Art" ...arr. Tedd Smith

Meditation Text:

Then and there, in the new world that comes from God, all God's creatures will flourish in God's presence; the flourishing of each will aid the flourishing of all, and the flourishing of all will in fact be an aspect of the flourishing of each. This is the flourishing life in its ultimate form, in the world become God's home." —Miroslav Volf

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude.Rev. Reaves

"Be Thou My Vision" ...arr. Don Wyrzten