

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA**

(Recorded in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary April 29, 2020.)

May 3, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude..... Joan Hill, organ
"All the Way My Savior Leads Me" ...arr. Eleanor Whitsett

Invocation Kristen Pope

Hymn of Praise "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to His temple draw near, Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

Call to Confession..... John Uldrick, leader

Merciful and Loving God, we ask forgiveness because our consciousness of You is dimmed by everyday desires and needs.

Raise our consciousness of You, O God.

We forget that we are a reflection of Your image. We act as though You are a Sunday-only event.

Increase our mindfulness of You, O God.

Help us to a greater common awareness of Your deep mystery and infinite presence.

Rouse our awareness of you, God.

Open our eyes from surface focus to depth perception. Turn our heads from shallow concerns to eternal truths.

Awaken us from faint-heartedness, O God.

Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways. Save us from cheap grace with Your amazing grace.

Forgive us, O God. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness.....Maggie Inman, cello
"He Leadeth Me" ...arr. Lorie Line

Together, We Connect..... Jimmy, Laurie, James and William Douglas

Reading of Holy Scripture.....Acts 2:42-47

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Local Missions Moment.....Devon Smyth
Executive Director, William S. Davies Homeless Shelter

Morning Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer)..... Keith Reaves

- ▶ Pray for the coronavirus to stop spreading.
- ▶ Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.
- ▶ Pray for medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers responsible for fighting the coronavirus.
- ▶ Pray for leaders responsible for making decisions about the coronavirus.
- ▶ Pray for families adjusting to new ways of life.
- ▶ Pray for business owners and families facing financial stress.
- ▶ Pray for grocery store workers, delivery drivers and others who come in close contact with the public because of their work.

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.

Sermon..... Matt DuVall
"Devoted to One Another"

Hymn of Response "Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him"

Christians, let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.
Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.
Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.

Offertory Prayer..... Tamara Tillman Smathers

Offertory.....Joan Hill, organ
"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"...arr. Charles Callahan

Meditation Text:

It is important to underscore that Acts 2:42-47 describes a community of faith that operates in the power of God's Spirit. The virtues of justice, worship, and mutuality are not accomplishments of extraordinary folk; they are signs of the Spirit within a community of people who understand themselves as united in purpose and identity—not a dispersed collection of individual churchgoers. This is not to say that the members of a community of faith bear no responsibility for living in a way that displays God's reconciliation. The audacious claims of a resurrection faith demand such boldness from us. —Matt Skinner

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude Joan Hill, organ
"Hosanna! Hosanna!"...Dennis Elliot