

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

(Recorded in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary May 13, 2020.)

May 17, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude..... Joan Hill, organ
"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" ...arr. Raymond Haan

Invocation Tamara Tillman Smathers

Hymn of Praise "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness!
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*Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Sharing Our Gifts During the Pandemic Beth Smith

Together, We Connect..... Harry and Karen Foss

Reading of Holy Scripture..... John 14:15-21

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

A Time for Personal Reflection

"Song of the Wanderer" ...Dan Forrest/Johanna Anderson

Morning Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer)..... Kristen Pope

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.

Hymn of Faith. “Standing on the Promises”

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit’s call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I’m standing on the promises of God.*

Prayer of Stewardship John Uldrick

Offertory. Joan Hill/Keith Reaves

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” ...Todd Billingsley/Barry Braman

(Please use this time to consider your gifts to the ministries of First Baptist Church.)

Meditation Text:

Jesus tells the Disciples that they will not be going into the world alone. They will have a responsibility to the world – to bear witness to the truth – but it is the nature of their lives, the way in which they (and we) obey the commandment to love one another that will show forth the divine presence to the world. —Robert Cornwall

Sermon. Matt DuVall

“Not Left Alone”

Hymn of Response “Holy Spirit, Come Upon Me”

Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your perfect peace.
Free me from the fears that bind me, from my worries bring release.
As a dove, You come from heaven, Stay here now; abide in me.
Teach me how to trust more fully, everlasting mystery.

Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your presence pure.
Let me feel You all around me, hold me with Your love secure.
As a wind, You come from heaven. Stay here now; breathe life in me.
Teach me how to live more fully, everlasting mystery.

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude Joan Hill, organ

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” ...arr. David Lasky

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