

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

(Recorded in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary May 20, 2020.)

May 24, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude..... Joan Hill, organ
"Trumpet Tune on LANCASHIRE" ...arr. Jason D. Payne

Welcome to Worship Matt DuVall

Hymn of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!

Introducing the 2020 High School Graduates

Ethan Avery	Cole Landrum	Anne Scott Smith
Frances Fields	John Landrum	Karson Swiger
Sabra Hester	Hollis Rose Loveless	Annalise Uldrick
Aaron Howard	Aiden Rich	Jerry Vu
Marin Kinsey	Spencer Shadday	

Call to Confession John Landrum
The Bible says, "If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness.....Chapel Choir
"You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)" ...Michael W. Smith
(Recorded in worship September 15, 2019.)

Missions Testimony..... Cole Landrum

Reading of Holy Scripture. Ephesians 4:20-24

Hollis Rose Loveless, reader
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer. Anne Scott Smith

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.

Offertory. Annalise Uldrick, flute

“Be Thou My Vision” ...arr. John Purifoy
(Please use this time to consider your gifts to the ministries of First Baptist Church.)

Meditation Text:

God of our creation and re-creation, you who are constantly at work to shape me in the wholeness of Christ, you know the hardness of the structures of my being that resist your shaping touch. You know the deeper inner rigidities of my being that reject your changing grace. By your grace soften my hardness and rigidity; help me to become pliable in your hands. Even as I pray this, may there be a melting of my innate resistance to your transforming love. Amen.

—M. Robert Mulholland Jr.

Sermon. John Uldrick

“A New Normal”

Hymn of Response “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude Joan Hill, organ

“Fanfare on LLANFAIR” ...arr. Raymond Haan

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd and Bea Richards, by Sharon Baker and Family.

A Church Conference will be held through Zoom on Wednesday, May 27 at 6 p.m. The link to join the meeting will be emailed to church members.

The church's COVID-19 Task Force continues to monitor developments relating to the pandemic and plans to meet within the next couple of weeks. On-site church activities will remain closed until further notice. The task force will provide an update after the next meeting. Members of the task force are: Matt DuVall, Jason Sanker, Alice Clements, Wade Monk, Dr. Jimmy Douglas, Mary Maire, and Sharon Baker.