

*Congregational Singing: "We Will Trust God's Word Alone"*  
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VERSE 1  
We will trust God's word alone  
Where His perfect will is known;  
Our traditions shift like sand  
While His truth forever stands.  
We will live by faith alone,  
Clothed in merit not our own.  
All we claim is Jesus Christ  
And His finished sacrifice.

CHORUS  
Glory be, glory be to God alone  
Through the Church He redeemed  
and made His own.  
He has freed us,  
He will keep us  
Till we're safely home.  
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

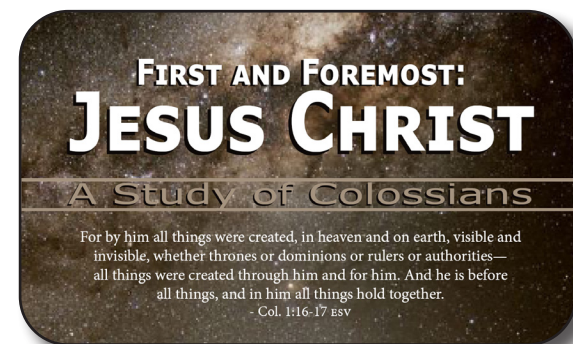
VERSE 2  
We are saved by grace alone,  
Undeserved yet freely shown;  
No accomplishment on earth  
Can achieve the second birth.  
We will stand on Christ alone,  
The unyielding Cornerstone.  
Nations rage and devils roar,  
Still He reigns forevermore!  
[sing CHORUS 2x]

*Closing Thoughts and Benediction*



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WORSHIP SHEET for the WORSHIP SERVICE  
of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
March 10, 2024

*Welcome and Call to Worship*

Ken Hunt

*Congregational Singing: "All Creatures of Our God and King"*

TEXT, St. Francis of Assisi, trans, William H. Draper; additional words, Bob Kauflin.  
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VERSE 1  
All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, "O, praise Him! Alleluia!"  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu - ia!

VERSE 3  
All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in His great love. O, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated ev'ry sin. Cast all your burdens now on Him.  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu - ia!

VERSE 4  
He shall return in pow'r to reign.  
Heaven and earth will join to say, "O, praise Him! Alleluia!"  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King!  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu - ia!

VERSE 5  
Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness. O, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu - ia!

## *Congregational Singing: “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”*

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### VERSE 1

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand.

### CHORUS

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

### VERSE 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer’s blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

[sing CHORUS]

### VERSE 3

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
“Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore.

[sing CHORUS]

### TAG

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

## *Scripture Reading and Pastoral Prayer*

Keith Kruizenga

## *Offertory – Congregational Singing: “Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me”*

TEXT and MUSIC, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren; arr., A. Blumer.

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### VERSE 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His.

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Oh, how strange and divine – I can sing all is mine.  
Yet not I but through Christ in me!

### VERSE 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior, He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need His power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome,  
Yet not I but through Christ in me!

### VERSE 3

No fate I dread. I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released. I can sing, I am free.  
Yet not I but through Christ in me!

### VERSE 4

With ev’ry breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne!  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me!

### TAG

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.  
Yet not I but through Christ in me!

## *Message*

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

## **JESUS IS UNIQUELY FIRST AND FOREMOST, Pt. 2 Colossians 1:16-20**

“The power and energy of an Almighty and All-sustaining God, is the cause of subsistence to every creature; and if that energy which created them should at any time cease from ruling them, their species would all at once cease, and all nature fall to nothing.”  
- Augustine, quoted in *An Exposition of...Colossians* by the Rev. John Davenant

[See insert for sermon outline]