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Congregational Singing: "We Are Called to Be God's People" Hymn 415. Text, Thomas A. Jackson; Music, Franz Joseph Haydn. © 1975 Broadman Press.

VERSE 1

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace; One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own; Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.

VERSE 2

We are called to be God's servants, working in His world today; Taking His own task upon us, all His sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to His summons, dedicate to Him our all That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call.

VERSE 3

We are called to be God's vessels speaking for the truth and right; Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light. Let us seek the courage needed our high calling to fulfill That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

Closing Thoughts and Benediction

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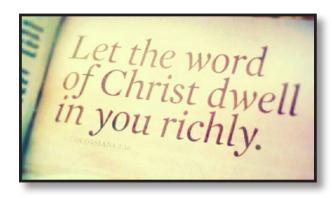
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WORSHIP SHEET for the WORSHIP SERVICE of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH August 4, 2024

Welcome

Pastor Alex Metras

Keith Kruizenga

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

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VERSE 1

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God; Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

VERSE

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb'ring on the brink of woe; Death is coming, hell is moving. Can you bear to let them go? See our fathers and our mothers and our children sinking down; Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely. Let us love each other, too. Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new. Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down. Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Congregational Singing: "All I Have Is Christ" Grace Hymn 389 Text and Music, Jordan Kauflin. © 2020. Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI).

VERSE 1

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will. And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

VERSE 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost, You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross. And I beheld God's love displayed – You suffered in my place; You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

CHORUS

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life. [REPEAT]

VERSE 4

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me. O. Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose. And let my song forever be: "My only boast is You!" [REPEAT CHORUS]

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

Offertory — Congregational Singing: "In Christ Alone"

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VERSE 1

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all. Here in the love of Christ I stand.

VERSE 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied, For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

VERSE 3

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ. VERSE 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand. Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Communion

Congregational Singing: "The Communion Hymn" Grace Hymn 343 TEXT and MUSIC, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townsend. © 2007 Thankyou Music.

VERSE 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, And we remember the promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of peace — around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you,

Eat and remember the wounds that heal,

The death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love — around the table of the King. VERSE 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, Drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of grace — around the table of the King. VERSE 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond And to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n — around the table of the King.

Message

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

FIRST AND FOREMOST: JESUS CHRIST

A ROSTER OF TESTIMONIES TO CHRIST'S PREEMINENCE, PT. 2

Colossians 4:10-18

Several men in Paul's acquaintance demonstrated Christ's preeminence in their lives.

- 1. Fellow Men, "Beloved and Faithful"
 - a. Tychicus vv 7-8
 - b. Onesimus v 9
- 2. Fellow Men "of the Circumcision" vv 10-11
 - a. Aristarchus