

Congregational Singing: "O LORD, My Rock and My Redeemer"

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VERSE 1

O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like You there is no other.
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom;
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach.
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good and my unending need.

VERSE 2

O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
And my shield against his hateful darts;
My song when enemies surround me,
My hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding;
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

VERSE 3

O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life;
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,
In my place You suffered, bled, and died.
You rose! The grave and death are conquered.
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to Your name.
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Closing Thoughts and Benediction



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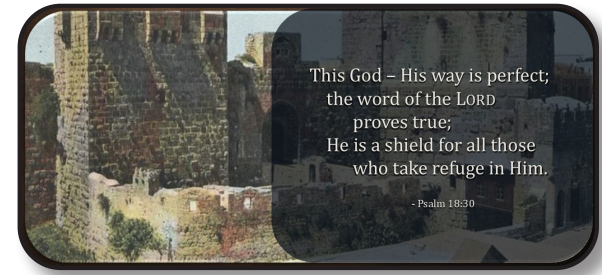
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This God – His way is perfect;
the word of the LORD
proves true;
He is a shield for all those
who take refuge in Him.

- Psalm 18:30

WORSHIP SHEET for the WORSHIP SERVICE of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

September 22, 2024

Welcome

Pastor Alex Metras

Call to Worship

Dave DeGear

Congregational Singing: "All Praise to Him"

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VERSE 1

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might.
All praise to Him who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him who reigns in love,
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care.

VERSE 2

All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King,
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
Who lived to die, who died to rise,
The all-sufficient sacrifice.

VERSE 3

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts –
The Spirit of all truth and peace,
The fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow.
To You, the Triune God, we raise,
With loving hearts, our song of praise!

Congregational Singing: “Christ Our Wisdom”

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VERSE 1

Christ our wisdom, we are humbled when You hide Your ways from us.
You have purposes unnumbered, each one good and glorious.
Help us trust when we grow weary, free us from our anxious thoughts,
Give us grace to see more clearly You are God and we are not.

VERSE 2

Christ our wisdom, be our gladness when we fail to understand
You ordained all joy and sadness to fulfill Your perfect plan.
Help us know You rule with power over every raging flood.
In our most uncertain hour You are God and we are loved.

VERSE 3

Christ our wisdom, we will follow, though the way ahead is veiled.
As we journey through the shadows, grant us faith where sight has failed.
Help us cling to Your commandments, strengthened by Your faithful word.
We will never be abandoned. You are God, and we are Yours.

VERSE 4

Christ our wisdom, we adore You for the beauty of the cross.
Once in foolishness we scorned You, but Your blood has ransomed us.
Help us sing the endless mercies of Your humble heart to save.
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory, You are God forever praised.

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Scripture Reading – Acts 2:22-36

Michael Teachout

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alex Metras

Offertory — Congregational Singing: “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

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VERSE 1

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise,
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To Thee I tell each rising grief for Thou alone canst heal.
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for ev’ry pain I feel.

VERSE 2

But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine;
The springs of comfort seem to fail and all my hopes decline.
Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust,
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust.

VERSE 3

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sov’ reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sov’ reign grace attends the mourner’s prayer.
Oh, may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

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VERSE 4

Thy mercy seat is open still; here let my soul retreat,
With humble hope attend Thy will and wait beneath Thy feet.
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With humble hope attend Thy will and wait beneath Thy feet.

Message

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

A STUDY OF PSALMS

DEEPENING SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

Psalms 17 - 18

1. THE MODEL PRAYER

- a. Pray Righteously – Psalm 17:1-5; James 5:16b, Romans 6
- b. Pray As A Recipient of God’s Affections – Psalm 17:6-12
- c. Pray As One Delivered and Transformed into His Likeness – Psalm 17:13-15

2. THE MEMOIR OF A WARRIOR

2 Samuel 21:15

- a. Everything Begins and Ends with Worship – Psalm 18:1-3 and 46-50
- b. The Threat of Death is Real – Psalm 18:4-6
- c. Divine Response Is a Dramatic Display of Power – Psalm 18:7-15
- d. Divine Deliverance Is Complete, Supportive, and Delightful – Psalm 18:16-19
- e. Divine Righteousness Is at the Core of His Holy Justice – Psalm 18:20-30
- f. Divine Equipping and Enablement for the Warrior – Psalm 18:31-45
- g. Warrior’s Declaration of Worship – Psalm 18:46-50