

Fellowship Fund Offering

Congregational Singing: "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

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VERSE 1

Whate'er my God ordains is right, His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road. He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

VERSE 2

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He has sent. His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day, and patiently I wait His day.

VERSE 3

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart
And pain and sorrow shall depart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

VERSE 4

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there. He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so to Him I leave it all. And so to Him I leave it all.

Closing Thoughts and Benediction



WORSHIP SHEET for the WORSHIP SERVICE of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH December 1, 2023

Welcome and Call to Worship

Pastor Kevin Morris

Congregational Singing: "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

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VERSE 1

Sing we the song of Emmanuel,
This the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God Most High in a manger laid.
Lift your voices and now proclaim:
Great and glorious, Love has come to us!
Join now with the hosts of heaven.

VERSE 2

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,
King who came with no crown or throne.
Helpless He lay, the invincible;
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.
O what wisdom to save us all.
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall.
Grace and majesty, what humility.
Come on bended knee, adore Him.

VERSE 3

Go spread the news of Emmanuel,
Joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads for your King has come.
Sing, for the light overwhelms the dark.
Glory shining for all to see. Hope alive, let the gospel ring.
God has made a way. He will have the praise!
Tell the world His name is Jesus.

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Communion

Pastor Kevin Morris

Communion Congregational Singing: "Fullness of Grace"

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VERSE 1

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty; this is the wonder of Jesus.
Laying aside His power and glory humbly He entered our world.
Chose the path of meanest worth; scandal of a virgin birth.
Born in a stable cold and rejected, here lies the hope of the world.

VERSE 2

Fullness of grace—the love of the Father shown in the face of Jesus.
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road.
Christ, the holy innocent, took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected,
Crushed for the sins of the world.

VERSE 3

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for.
Promise of God in Jesus.
Through His obedience we are forgiven,
Op-'ning the floodgates of heav'n.
All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable: God's gift in love to the world.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alex Metras

Offertory — Congregational Singing: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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VERSE 1

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art –
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

VERSE 2

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone.
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Message

Pastor Alex Metras

GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION

LUKE 1:1-25

- A. INTRODUCTION – "So that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught." — Luke 1:1-4
- B. AS GOD WORKS OUT HIS PLAN OF REDEMPTION, HIS PEOPLE MUST BE MARKED BY THREE CHARACTERISTICS
 1. People of God Must Be Marked by Faithfulness —
Luke 1:5-10; Genesis 6:9
 - a. Faithfulness Is Expected from Everyday People
 - b. Faithfulness Is Expected Despite Circumstances
 - c. Faithfulness Is Expected in the Mundane
 2. People of God Must Be Marked by Usefulness
– Luke 1:11-22; Genesis 16:11, 18:12-19, 25:21-23;
Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6
 - a. Ready Usefulness
 - b. Obedient Usefulness
 3. People of God Must Be Marked by Gratefulness
– Luke 1:23-25
 - a. Zechariah
 - b. Elizabeth
- C. CONCLUSION – "Makes drudgery divine" – Colossians 3:23,
John 1:29