Congregational Singing: "O Church Arise" Grace Hymn 353 TEXT and MUSIC. Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. © 2005 ThankYou Music.

VERSE 1

O church, arise and put your armor on. Hear the call of Christ our captain, For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies, An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" Reaching out to those in darkness.

VERSE 2

Our call to war: to love the captive soul But to rage against the captor, And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valor. When faced with trials on ev'ry side We know the outcome is secure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died: An inheritance of nations.

VERSE 3

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet As the Son of God is stricken. Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away And Christ emerges from the grave, This vict'ry march continues till the day Ev'ry eye and heart will see Him.

VERSE 4

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, Give grace for ev'ry hurdle That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way Retelling triumphs of His grace. We hear their calls and hunger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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WORSHIP SHEET for the WORSHIP SERVICE of First Baptist Church May 11, 2025

Welcome

Pastor Alex Metras

Call to Worship

Aaron Blumer

"Security and Safety" by Charles Wesley

Congregational Singing: "O LORD, My Rock and My Redeemer" TEXT and MUSIC, Nathan Stiff. © 2017 Sovereign Grace Worship (ASCAP) (CMG).

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.

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.

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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.

May all my days bring glory to Your name.

I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ. [repeat from (*)]

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I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Congregational Singing: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymn 11 Text, Robert Robinson; Music, traditional American melody. © Public Domain.

VERSE 1

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above! Praise His name – I'm fixed upon it – name of God's redeeming love.

VERSE 2

Hither to Thy love has blest me, Thou hast bro't me to this place And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace. Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Scripture Reading

Dave DeGear

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alex Metras

Offertory – *Congregational Singing:* "My Worth Is Not in What I Own" Text and Music, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick. © 2014 Make Way Music/Getty Music (BMI).

VERSE 1

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone, But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

VERSE 2

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame, But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

CHORUS

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Well-Spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

VERSE 3

As summer flow'rs we fade and die;

Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by;

But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

VERSE 4

I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light, But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 5

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness. My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

Message

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION SECURITY IN TRANSITION

Revelation 1

We have security in transition because —

- 1. HE BESTOWS "GRACE AND PEACE" Revelation 1:4-8
- 2. WE HAVE A "BROTHER" Revelation 1:9
- 3. WE HAVE A "PARTNER" Greek: sunkoinos
- 4. WE HAVE HISTORICAL EXAMPLES Revelation 1:10-11
 - a. Relayed to Us by Divine Inspiration
 - b. Realized in Seven Historical Churches
- 5. The Sovereign Son of Man Stands in Our Midst Revelation 1:12-16
 - a. His Presence
 - b. His Appearance
- 6. WE HAVE THE SOVEREIGN'S RESPONSE
 - a. "Fear not" Revelation 1:17
 - b. The Living One Revelation 1:18a
 - c. The Purchaser
 - d. The Judge Revelation 1:18b
 - e. The Secure One Revelation 1:19-20