



FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

In the Center of the City with the Savior

11 AM Service | August 23, 2020

Organ Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Prelude on "Madrid" | David Lasky

Musical Call to Worship | Ensemble

How Great Is the Lord (Psalm 145) | Pepper Choplin

I will exalt You my God and mighty King,
For You are worthy of worship I will bring,
I'll praise Your name and forever I will sing,
"How great is the Lord!"

O Lord, You show us compassion from above.
You're slow to anger and full of constant love.
Your streams of mercy will become a mighty flood.
How great is the Lord.

How great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
For You are righteous and just in all Your ways.
Let all the earth lift up Your holy name forever.
Your loving compassion and all Your gifts of grace,
Abundant goodness, we come to celebrate.
Now hear your children rise again to say,
"How great, how great is the Lord."

How great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
For You are righteous and just in all Your ways.
Let all the earth lift up Your holy name forever, forevermore.
Your loving compassion and all Your gifts of grace,
Abundant goodness, we come to celebrate.
Now hear Your children rise again to say,
"How great, how great."

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Welcome | Pam Neal

Responsive Reading | Jill Hobby

Leader: Lord, we claim today that You are the Mighty and Worthy Defender.

People: Remind us to lean on Your Mighty Shoulders.

Leader: Lord, you see us burning the candle of our lives on the shallow reservoir of Scriptural knowledge.

People: Help us dig deeper into Your Word today.

Leader: Lord, you see us holding You at arm's length concerning our doubts and fears.

People: Save us and bring us comfort through Your Word each day.

Leader: Walking together, help us to be Be Strong In The Lord.

(Excerpt taken from Ray Stedman's *The Wise and the Foolish*: Matthew 25 1-13)

Hymn Medley | Ensemble

Be Strong in the Lord | STRENGTH

The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power | THE BLOOD

Thou Art Worthy | THOU ART WORTHY

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
Your mighty Defender is always the same.
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;
Victory is sure when you call on His name.

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
And be of good courage, for He is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
And rejoice, for the victory is yours.

The blood that Jesus shed for me, 'way back on Calvary;
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,
It will never lose its pow'r.

It reaches to the highest mountain; it flows to the lowest valley.
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,
It will never lose its pow'r.

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears, and it dries all my tears;
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,
It will never lose its pow'r.

It reaches to the highest mountain; it flows to the lowest valley.
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,
It will never lose its pow'r. It will never, never lose its pow'r.

"Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created; Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created, for 'Thou art worthy, O Lord.'" (x2)

Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum

Special Music | Ensemble

Because He Lives | William J. Gaither

How sweet to hold a new born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days, because He lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know, He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives.

And then one day, I'll cross that river.
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
But then as death, gives way to vict'ry;
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know, He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives.
Yes, life is worth the living and just because He lives, because He lives.

Pastoral Prayer | David Crocker

Poetry Recitation | Tim Boone

“Called unto holiness,” children of light,
Walking with Jesus in garments of white;
Raiment unsullied, nor tarnished with sin;
God’s Holy Spirit abiding within.

“Called unto holiness,” praise His dear Name!
This blessed secret to faith now made plain:
Not our own righteousness, but Christ within,
Living, and reigning, and saving from sin.

“Called unto holiness,” glorious thought!
Up from the wilderness wanderings brought,
Out from the shadows and darkness of night,
Into the Canaan of perfect delight.

“Called unto holiness,” bride of the Lamb,
Waiting the Bridegroom’s returning again!
Lift up your heads, for the day draweth near
When in His beauty the King shall appear.

by Leila Naylor Morris

Scripture Reading (Matthew 25:1-13) | Tim Boone

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

¹ "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

⁹ "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!'

¹² "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'

¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Special Music | Ensemble

How Great Thou Art | arr. Don Wyrzten

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

"Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!" (x2)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

Sermon | David Crocker

“Preparing for Death” | Matthew 25:1-13

Benediction Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand | PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Thro' the storm, thro' the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Spoken Benediction | David Crocker

Musical Benediction | Ensemble

With Simple Faith | Charles McCartha

With simple faith, with humble hearts, with Jesus' truth and grace,
We can make mountains move, and change lives with His love,
As we live with simple faith.

With simple faith, with humble prayer, we will speak the Word of God.
Face to face, heart to heart, one to one, arm in arm,
We will bring the world God's love.

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Fanfare and Pageant of Praise | Don Wyrzten

ENSEMBLE

*Maddie Coffey, Clint & Jeanne Eskew, Jill Hobby, Ann Love,
Doug & Pam Miller, Jaynie Moore, and David Mosher*

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers are given in loving memory of E. Hanby & Betty Smith
by their children David & Channa Smith,
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SERMON NOTES



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