



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 3, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

Lord, Here Am I

arr. Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Thompson

INTROIT

Be Ye Glad

Michael K. Blanchard

Anita Thompson, Soloist

In these days of confused situations,
In these nights of a restless remorse,
When the heart and soul of a nation
Lay wounded and cold as a corpse,
From the grave of the innocent Adam
Comes a song bringing joy to the sad.
All your cries have been heard and the ransom
has been paid up in full, be ye glad.

Refrain: Oh, be ye glad, oh, be ye glad!

Every debt that you ever had has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord.

Be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad!

Now from your dungeon a rumor is stirring,
 Though you've heard it again and again.
 Ah, but this time the cell keys are turning,
 And outside there are faces of friends.
 And though your body lay weary from waiting,
 And your eyes show the sorrow they've had,
 Oh the love that your heart is now tasting
 Has opened the gates, be ye glad.

So be like lights on the rim of the water
 Giving hope in a storm sea of night.
 Be a refuge amidst the slaughter
 For these fugitives in their flight.
 For you are timeless and part of a puzzle.
 You are winsome and young as a lad.
 And there is no disease or no struggle
 That can pull you from God, be ye glad.

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Andy Woodard

+HYMN OF PRAISE 619 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*
 A copy of the hymn is on page 5.

ASSURANCE

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?
**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
 full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 121

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 702 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dr. Gilliam

God is with us, in the beginning and the end,
 watching out for us and leading us on.
God renews us, restores us, and sets our feet on right paths.
God is our help and strength and comfort.
 Seek God, trust in God, and know that you are loved and forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 383

Near to the Heart of God
 A copy of the hymn is on page 6.

McAFEE

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Gilliam

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Page

+DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 215 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Oh!

Dr. Gilliam

At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been experienced while we've worshiped together.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 545

Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

A copy of the hymn is on page 7.

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

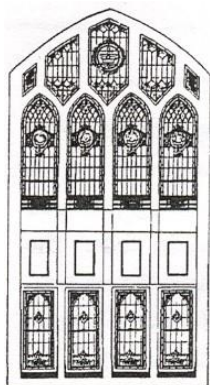
+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

Cathedral Fanfare

Young

+Those who are able are invited to stand.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 3, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, this worship service is led by a small group, and broadcast over the radio (FM 99.3), through our church website, and on Facebook live. We are thankful for Vicky Overman and Jim Wiggins for their assistance with music leadership. FBC Ahoskie holds copyright and streaming licenses with CCLI, account 1577531. We also hold a copyright license with One License, A-609881.

✦ Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Tune in to our church Facebook page for live-streaming each Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm.

✦ Tell Us Your Worshipping at Home Stories

We've heard so many beautiful stories and have seen heartwarming pictures of the ways you're being church at home. We'd love to compile your stories and pictures and share them with the church family, so please email them to us or mail them to PO Box 649.

✦ Sunday School Materials

For the Sunday School classes who use materials published by Smyth & Helwys, your study guides and Reflections books are available in the church library. You're invited to come by the church and pick up your materials when you are able. Jayne and Tim Frei organized the materials by classes. Thank you!

✦ Transition Team

Our deacons have appointed a transition team who is studying the particulars of how we will gather once again in our church building when we are safely able to do so. Team members are Betty Joyner, Debbie Magette, and Andy Woodard.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Ms. Belinda Butler
Music Associate/Organist

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Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine 619

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of
 rap-ture now burst on my sight: an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a -
 Sav-ior am hap-py and blest: watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a -

God, born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.
 bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 bove, filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
 MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE
 9.10.9.9 with refrain

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Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God,
2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God,
3. There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,

a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait be - fore Thee near to the heart of God.

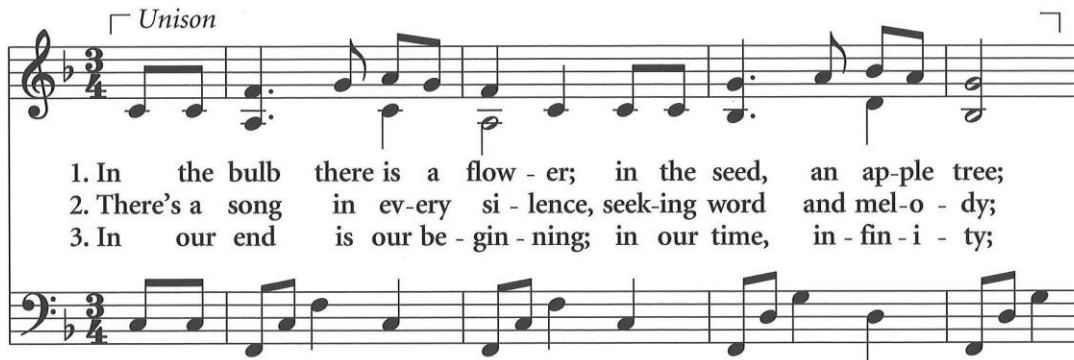
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MUSIC: Cleland B. McAfee, 1903

McAFEE
CM with refrain

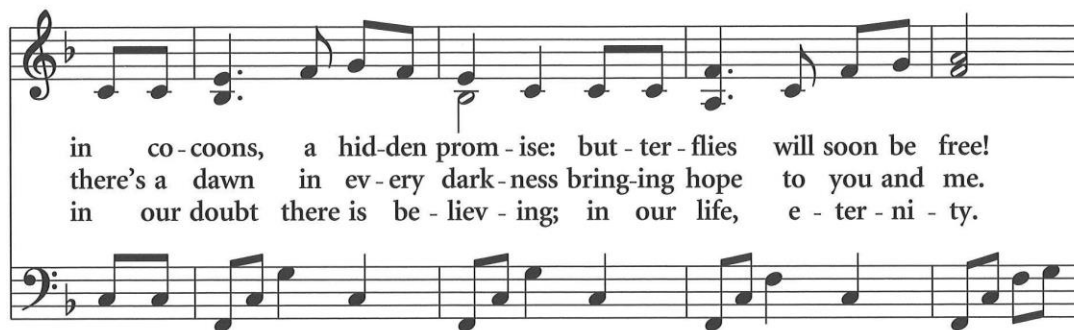
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In the Bulb

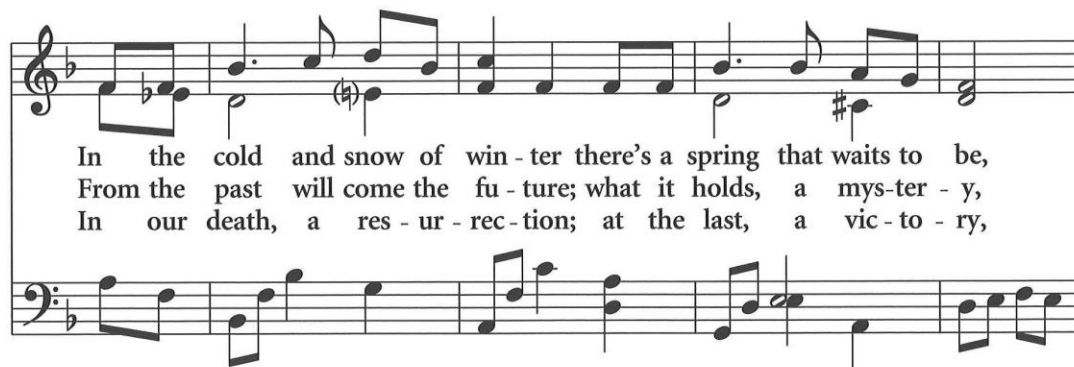
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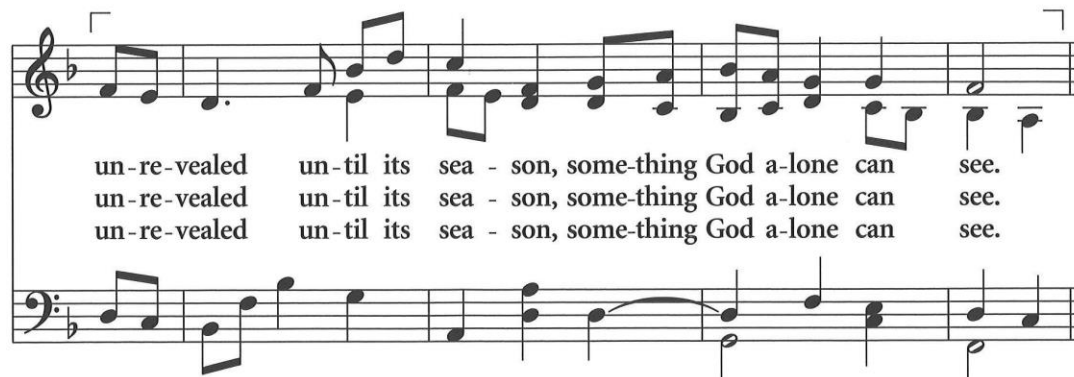
1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
 3. In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter-flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness bring-ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be-liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni-ty.



In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y,
 In our death, a res-ur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,



un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.
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WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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