



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 17, 2020 ✠ 11:00 am

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Ascension of the Lord*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

Love Divine

arr. Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Andy Woodard

You have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture—
how He would suffer and die
and then rise from the dead on the third day;
how the same power that raised Jesus from the dead
raised Him to heaven and seated Him at the right hand of God,
where He now lives to intercede on our behalf.
**So, let us come before God with confidence,
through the loving intercession of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!**

INTROIT

Shout to the Lord

arr. Jack Schrader

Vicky Overman, Soprano; Anita Thompson, Alto; Jim Wiggins, Tenor

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Woodard

+HYMN OF PRAISE 223

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

A copy of the hymn is on page 5.

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita 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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EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 10:19-25

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 272 of New Testament

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

SERMON

How to Live

Dr. Gilliam

(As the Church) (During a Pandemic)

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.

+HYMN 477

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

A copy of the hymn is on page 6.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Penny Rose

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

arr. Young

+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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GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

Mrs. Rose

In Pew Bible, page 133 of New Testament

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Gilliam

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 281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
A copy of the hymn is on page 7.

BEECHER

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ORGAN POSTLUDE *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

arr. Jarrell

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

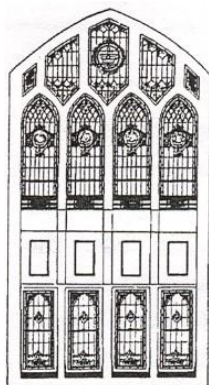
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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 17, 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.

Next Sunday, May 31st, is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our usual practice is to come to worship wearing the colors of fire . . . oranges, reds, and yellows. You're encouraged to continue this tradition as you worship in your homes by dressing in the colors of fire, or adding the colors to your at-home worship setting.

✦ Wednesday Adult Bible Study

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

✦ 2020 College Graduates

We would like to highlight in the May 20 newsletter our students who graduated from college during the 2019-2020 academic year. This includes bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees. Please email Anita the date of graduation, the institution, and the degree awarded. Information is needed by Monday, May 18.

✦ Stewardship Options

Due to our current inability to meet in person, there have been questions about making electronic financial contributions to the church. While we do not have online giving, do you know that your bank can send a check to the church on your behalf? You simply make arrangements with your bank and the bank will send the check for the amount you request each month or each week or whatever frequency you decide. We have a very small handful of people that do this now. Perhaps you would like to give this a try as well. However, you give, please know our church is stronger due to your generosity.

✦ 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.

✦ Worship Flowers

During this time of sheltering in place, persons who have signed up to provide worship flowers have the option of observing our usual practice, or using the lovely peace lily that one of our families provided. The choices have varied from Sunday to Sunday. At the appropriate time, please let the church office know of your preference. Here is the schedule for June.

June 7 Oliver Fleming

June 14 Anita Thompson

June 21 Doug & Nancy Cobbs

June 28 Spencer & Dolores Matthews

Crown Him with Many Crowns 223

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side,

hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those He came to save;
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round His pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for Thou hast died for me!

and hail Him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 Thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges (st. 1,3,4), 1851; Godfrey Thring (st. 2), 1874
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA
 SMD
 Lower kev. No. 676

We Are Called to Be God's People 477

1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show-ing by our lives His grace,
 2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work-ing in the world to - day;
 3. We are called to be God's proph-ets, speak-ing for the truth and right,

one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
 tak - ing His own task up - on us, all His sa - cred words o - bey.
 stand-ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring-ing e - vil in - to light.

Let us show how He has changed us and re - made us as His own;
 Let us rise, then, to His sum - mons, ded-i - cate to Him our all,
 Let us seek the cour-age need - ed, our high call-ing to ful - fill,

let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round His throne.
 that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now His call.
 that we all may know the bless-ing of the do - ing of God's will.

WORDS: Thomas A. Jackson, 1973

MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

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AUSTRIAN HYMN

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Lower key, No. 34

281 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell-ing, joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all Thy grace re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell-ing; all Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Let us all in Thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee:

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
 Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747

MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER

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Lower keys, No. 534 and No. 653
 Alternate tune, HYFRYDOL