



WE KNOW THAT FOR
THOSE WHO
LOVE GOD

ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER
FOR **GOOD**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE
CALLED ACCORDING TO
HIS PURPOSE.

ROMANS 8:28

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - SHELBYVILLE IN
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Call to Worship:

Look at My Servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me.

I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring justice to the nations.

He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged.

He will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth.

God, the LORD, created the heavens and stretched them out. He created the earth and everything in it.

He gives breath to everyone, life to everyone who walks the earth.

I, the LORD, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness.

And you will be a light to guide the nations.

You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons.

**I am the LORD; that is my name! Sing a new song to the LORD!
Sing his praises from the ends of the earth!**

Hymn: #234 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we are grateful that you do not allow us to be at peace when we stray from you.

Our conscience nags at us. We feel that inward ache that says something is wrong.

Guilt feelings oppress us.

Still, we are experts at pretending that all is fine. So we beg you not to let up.

Keep your hand heavy upon us, pressing us down so we will confess our sins and humbly ask for Your mercy.

Even in our guilt we sense that we are your children, and that you care enough to chastise us. Forgive us, O Lord. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became
Perfect man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin
By His death I live again.

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By Your death I live again

Assurance of Pardon:

Thank you for your forgiveness, though it comes at a great price–

The life and death of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you that you made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us,

That we might be given the righteousness of God in Him. Thank you for the gift freely given to us in Christ.

Hymn: #493 It Is Well

Hymn: #195 Nothing but the Blood

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **John 11: 11-27** (New American Standard Bible 1995)

Sermon: Lazarus's Many Facets of Growing Faith in Jesus

"This He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep." The disciples then said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep. So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him." Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, so that we may die with Him."

So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off; and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. "Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world..."

Exodus 13: 17-18

"Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, "The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt." Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up in martial array from the land of Egypt."

Deuteronomy 32:39

“See now that I, I am He,
And there is no god besides Me;
It is I who put to death and give life.
I have wounded and it is I who heal,
And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.”

1 Kings 11:43

“Then Solomon lay down with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David, and his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.”

2 Chronicles 26:23

“So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the grave which belonged to the kings, for they said, “He is a leper.” And Jotham his son became king in his place.”

Matthew 19:26

“And looking at them Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 28:18

“...All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

Luke 10: 38-42

“Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord’s feet, listening to His word. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.” But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”

John 3: 16-17

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

John 20:25

“He said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

Romans 8:29

“For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;”

Ephesians 4:5-6

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”

1 Thessalonians 4:3

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor...”

Hymn: #185 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Benediction

Upcoming Announcements

A joint Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast will be held at the Second Baptist Church on April 5th at 7 am.

Scouts are having an Honor Court on March 29th at 2 pm and we are all invited.

Quote for the Day: Little is much when God is in it!

Women's Bible Study is focusing on "Relying on the Holy Spirit" by Charles Stanley. Join us on Mondays at 10 am at the Christian Center. We currently have six members, would you like to make it seven?