

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

8.9.26

IN HIS
Presence



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Call to Worship:

Then a voice came from the throne, saying,

“Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!”

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying,

“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”

Then He who sat on the throne said,

“Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

And He said to me, “It is done!

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.”

Hymn: #10 O Worship the King

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

Sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn of Meditation: I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need Thee, Oh I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

Oh, I need Thee, yes, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

Yes, I need Thee, Oh I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

To Thee

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Hymn: His Mercy is More

Hymn: #58 This is my Father's World

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Hebrews 3:12 – 4:16 NASB**

Sermon: The Cut of Belief

¹² Take care, brothers *and sisters*, that there will not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another every day, as long as it is *still* called “today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we keep the beginning of our commitment firm until the end, ¹⁵ while it is said,

“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.”

¹⁶ For who provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose dead bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

⁴ Therefore, we must fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short *of it*. ² For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also *did*; but the word they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united with those who listened with faith. ³ For we who have believed enter *that* rest, just as He has said,

“AS I SWORE IN MY ANGER,

THEY CERTAINLY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,”

although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*: “AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS”; ⁵ and again in this *passage*, “THEY CERTAINLY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.” ⁶ Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who previously had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ He again sets a certain day, “Today,” saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before,

“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS.”

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that.

⁹ Consequently, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

¹¹ Therefore let's make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by *following* the same example of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we must answer.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let's hold firmly to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore let's approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of *our* need.

Hymn: I Must Tell Jesus

Benediction