



Brookwood

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 13, 2023

BROOKWOOD WORSHIP

We will be formed in Christ to love like family and live on mission.

Gathering Song

I Am The Vine

Words and Music by Knowles Shaw

Welcome to Worship

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Moment of Silence

Centering Prayer

Loving God, at the start of this worship experience we pause to rest in You.
Quiet our minds that they may be still, fill our hearts that we may abide in love and trust.
Christ, as a light, illumine and guide me. Christ, as a shield, overshadow me.
Christ under me; Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Instrumental Meditation

In Christ Alone

Melinda Dressler

Arr. Jason Payne

Hymn

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Words and Music by Kate Wilkinson and A. Cyril Barham-Gould

Blessing of the Backpacks

Our Student Ministers

Blessing of the Backpacks

Larry: These students stand here ready to receive your blessings, O God. We pray they will commit themselves to studying and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing and protection on each of them. May they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation.

Congregation: Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students.

Mason: These teachers stand here ready to receive your blessings, O God. We pray their teaching will be effective and their classrooms will be places filled with an excitement to

learn. May they be reminded this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning.

Congregation: Gracious God, we lift to you today, these teachers.

Sylvia: These administrators and support personnel stand here ready to receive your blessings, O God. We pray they will provide support to both teachers and students. We ask you guide them in decision making and give them strength to do what is best for those who work alongside them each day. May they be reminded this congregation embraces their call to leadership and student support.

Congregation: Gracious God, we life to you today, these administrators and support personnel.

Mason: For the families who send their children off to school, we pray they can balance the demands of school and the needs of their families as well. May they be reminded this congregation embraces the value of family and will be praying for their homes to be places where Christ is the center and can then go into the world representing Him.

Congregation: Gracious God, we life to you today, these families. Amen.

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Words: Ancient Irish / Music: Trad. Irish Melody

Worship through Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Behold Our God

Sanctuary Choir

Words and Music by Stephen Altogge, Jonathan Baird

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-12

Susan Womack

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon	"Branches and Bunches"	Dr. Blake Dempsey
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Invitation

Hymn of Response

Trust and Obey

Words and Music by John Sammis and Daniel Towner

Benediction		Dr. Blake Dempsey
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Postlude	<i>Allegro from Sinfonia No. 12</i> Vivaldi	Anna Williams
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Today's flowers are from the wedding of Ryann Holley and Matt Brown. The family gives them in memory of Ryann's grandfathers, Wayne Lamar Holley and Charles Chauncey Robinson.

Upcoming Events

The Gathering (Sunday Lunch)

Sunday, August 20th

Immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall

Committees & Teams Leadership Meeting

Sunday, August 20th

Immediately following worship in the Chapel

Serve Day at the Firehouse Shelter

Saturday, August 26th at 9am

Scan the QR code to register.



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