



# **Brookwood**

## **BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday, October 1, 2023

*Celebrating Our 55th Anniversary*



# BROOKWOOD WORSHIP

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

## World Communion Sunday

### Discipleship:

A community's journey of transformation to become and to make disciples, who are Spirit-empowered, apprentices to Jesus, who invite others to share in the Father's radical love.

Organ Prelude

***O Worship the King***

Arr. Al Travis

Melinda Dressler

Gathering Song

***O Worship the King***

Words and Music by Robert Grant and Johann Michael Haydn

Welcome to Worship / Ministry Highlights

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Hymn

***Nothing But the Blood***

Words and Music by Robert Lowry

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Community Prayer

Morgan Champion

Worship through Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

***Come Find His Rest***

Erik Dewar / Arr. Dan Forrest

Solo: Melissa Yan

Sanctuary Choir

**Ask, and It Will Be Given**

<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.<sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

**The Golden Rule**

<sup>12</sup> "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon                      **"Apprenticeship: Knowing What You Want"**    Dr. Blake Dempsey

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper**  
(Communion)

A Word About Communion at Brookwood:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink the cup. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

**Prayers for Those Not Communing**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

## Receiving the Elements

### ***Largo***

from *Symphony No. 9 "New World"*  
Antonin Dvorak

Brookwood Strings

## Communion Song

### ***Take and Eat***

Words and Music by Iron City Worship

## Invitation

Dr. Blake Dempsey

## Song of Response

### ***Seek Ye First***

Words and Music by Karen Lafferty

## Benediction

Dr. Blake Dempsey

## Organ Postlude

### ***Postlude in Classic Style***

Gordon Young

Melinda Dressler

Today's flower arrangement is placed in honor of Brookwood Baptist Church's 55th Anniversary.

## BROOKWOOD DISCIPLESHIP VERSES

1. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20
2. To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32
3. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8
4. Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it." Luke 9:23-24
5. He must become greater; I must become less. John 3:30
6. So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7
7. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34-35
8. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16
9. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:29
10. He has shown you, O mortal what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

# Upcoming Events

## **Y'ALL led Worship**

Tonight at 6:00pm

In the Chapel

## **Connect at the Park**

Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Overton Park or Liberty Park

## **Evening of Worship**

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

A combined choir made up from North Shelby Baptist Church  
and our own choir will present an evening of worship.

In the Sanctuary

## **The Gathering Sunday Lunch**

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship

In Fellowship Hall

## **Fall Festival**

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm in the BBC Parking Lot

Sign your Sunday School class up for a trunk  
by emailing Mason at [masonf@brookwood.org](mailto:masonf@brookwood.org).

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