

Sunday Morning Worship

June 16, 2024



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Order of Worship

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Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

Call to Worship — Psalm 145:17-21 (ESV)

¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. ²⁰ The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. ²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

You Have Called Us

Mike Rogers

Verse 1:

Our broken hearts we bring
With humble words we sing
Of how You took our place
Sin's debt forever paid
You set us free
Your praises we will sing

Chorus:

You have called us, Lord
Saved us by Your grace
As we honor You
The angels watch and praise
You will sustain us, Lord
And guide us in Your ways
Until You bring us home
To see You face to face

Verse 2:

Reveal now as we sing
Those things to which we cling
Remind us of the cross
Your blood has washed us clean
You set us free
Your praises we will sing

Bridge:

Because of You we sing
We sing in unity
We lift our praise to you
We sing of grace so sweet

Happy In Jesus

Eric McAllister

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## **Verses 1 & 2:**

Are you happy in Jesus?  
Does the news leave you thrilled —  
That He carried the burden of sin  
That we rightly deserved to feel?  
Would you rather have Jesus  
Than the praises of kings —  
for you rest in the sweet commendation  
of knowing you've been redeemed?

## **Chorus:**

Happy in Jesus!  
Forgiven and free —  
He means more than this  
Whole wide world to me;  
Wonderful Jesus  
The One that I call  
My life, my peace, my joy  
My all in all!

## **Verses 3 & 4:**

When temptation is calling  
Do you flee to His side —  
As the pleasure of sin is eclipsed  
By the beauty of Jesus Christ?  
Have you made Him your treasure?  
Have you counted the cost —  
And consider the life that He offers  
Is worth any early loss?

## **Bridge:**

Grace to cover all my sin  
My life made new in Him  
I'm happy in the Lord  
Peace to ease my anxious mind  
Upheld by love divine  
I'm happy in the Lord  
Hope invincible and sure  
Is mine forevermore  
I'm happy in the Lord  
God and heaven are my own  
My Father and my home  
I'm happy in the Lord

## **Verse 5:**

Do you long for His presence  
Just to be where He dwells  
For a day with the Savior is better  
Than thousands anywhere else

## Scripture Reading — Psalm 116 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”  
<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.  
<sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.  
<sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;  
<sup>9</sup> I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.  
<sup>10</sup> I believed, even when I spoke:  
“I am greatly afflicted”;

<sup>11</sup> I said in my alarm,  
“All mankind are liars.”  
<sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,  
<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.  
<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.  
<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!

# Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook

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## Verse 1:

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

## Verse 2:

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

## Verse 3:

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

## Sermon Notes

### **“Two Witnesses and a Woe” :: Revelation 11:1-19**

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How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Matt Redman | Jonas Myrin

Verse 1:

Now unto the King who reigns over all
And never changes or turns
Unfailing justice unfading grace
Whose promises remain
Yes Your promises remain

Chorus:

The heavens ring
The saints all sing
Great is Your faithfulness
From age to age we will proclaim
Great is Your faithfulness
How great is Your faithfulness

Verse 2:

Ev'rything changes but You stay the same
Your Word and kingdom endure
We lean on the promise of all that You are
And trust forevermore
We will trust forevermore

Bridge:

From generation to generation
You never failed us O God
Yesterday and today and tomorrow
Until the day You return

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Monday, June 17

Tuesday, June 18

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, June 19 (Juneteenth)

Church Office Closed

Thursday, June 20

Friday, June 21

Saturday, June 22

Sunday, June 23

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events

June 24-28

Youth to FUGE Camp — Ridgecrest, NC

Wednesday, July 3

6:30 PM — Church Prayer Meeting

July 8-12

9 AM-12:30 PM — Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 21

Starting Point Seminar

(An afternoon seminar for those interested in church membership.

*Light lunch is served. Contact the church office to register
or use the Digital Communication Card on the back of this bulletin.)*

Tuesday, July 22

Mid-Year Financial Review

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of June 16

Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, consider using these words from Hebrews 12:1. If you're praying through the church directory, consider asking God to work in these ways in those you're praying for each day:

*...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,...*

We recognize our need for God's help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for the preaching of God's word – for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God's glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

Prayer items outside our church:

- Pray that our elected officials would fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)
- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)

- Pray that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)
- Pray for our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we are directly involved with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family; Orlando Holley and Margot Mason. Pray that God would unify us in Christ and opportunities for fellowship would abound. (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray that God would bear good spiritual fruit from the Southern Baptist Convention which met this past week. Pray for the cooperative work of Southern Baptist churches around the world. (James 1:5)
- Pray that God would help our church family use the summer season for unique opportunities of evangelism, to build each other up, and to love one another well (Rom. 12:9-21)
- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who are completing their final days of classes for the school year. Pray that God would help them to finish well and give them physical and spiritual strength to endure. See a list of our out-of-town college students in the church directory on p. 24.
- Pray that God brings good spiritual fruit in the lives of our children and students through the Youth Summer Trip (June 24-28) and Vacation Bible School (July 8-12). (Gal 5:22-23)
- Pray God would guard our church from fear, anxiety, and disunity. Pray that we would trust that God is good and be assured that He is in control. (John 13:34-35)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Margaret Austin, Bob and Alice Copeland, Chris Guerra (military deployment), Lucie Lowe, Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

Announcements

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**1. Vacation Bible School — July 8-12, 9am—12:30pm.** VBS registration for grades 1-6 has begun. If you did not receive an email with a link, please contact the church office. Please don't delay—register today!! If you have questions please see Pam Jensen.

**2. Men's Bible Breakfast Fellowship.** Our Men's Bible Breakfast Fellowship for men over 65 will meet next on June 27th. Enjoy a meal together followed by a Bible study and discussion.

**When:** Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month; **Time:** 10:00 AM (if ordering breakfast); 10:30 AM – study begins; **Location:** Dutch Village Farmers Market, Upper Marlboro.

**3. Young Adult Game Night—June 23 @ 3pm.** Young adults, join us at the Yuriar's House (8421 Grandhaven Ave) for games and fellowship. Questions? Contact Tre Fields (treonte1995@gmail.com)

**4. Graduate Recognition — Sunday, June 23.** We plan to recognize and give thanks to God for our recent graduates on June 23. If you would like to submit your child's or your own graduation information, please provide the following details and a graduation photo to Mike Rogers by June 18 (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com): Name, Name of High School or College (degree), Future Plans.

**5. Glover Scholarship.** If you are a church member and a 2024 high school graduate who is attending college in the fall, you are eligible to apply for the John and Ethel Glover Scholarship. Contact Mike Rogers (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com) for an application or for more information. The deadline for submissions is June 23rd.

**6. Senior Adult VBS - Monday, July 15, 9am-12:30pm.** Senior Adults (age 60 and above) are invited to participate in a Senior Adult VBS hosted by our Youth Dept. Register on-line or contact the church office.

**7. Mid-Year Financial Review-Monday, July 22, 6:30pm.** Members are welcome to attend.

**8. Giving.** We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: place your offering in the designated boxes in the church foyer
- by mail: send to the church office.



Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.

## Digital Communication Card



Are you interested in receiving more information about the church, meeting with a pastor, or sharing a prayer need? Scan the QR code to fill in our digital communication card and someone will follow up with you. You're always welcome to contact the church office: 301-952-0117.



# Revelation: Following Our Victorious King

[Revelation 11:1-19](#)

"Two Witnesses and a Woe" – June 16, 2024



## Introduction

Jim Elliot and four other fellow missionaries lost their lives taking the gospel to the Auca Indians in Ecuador. He left behind a wife and ten-month old daughter. Many people assumed that his death was a tragic waste. It seemed like a foolish, unnecessary risk taking the gospel to these savage people which then led to his death.

What if your child or grandchild die a violent death while taking the gospel to an unreached people group? If obedience to the Bible or sharing the message of the good news of God's word leads to people rolling their eyes and mocking us or to the loss of friendship or a job, should we keep pressing into the scriptures? History has examples of people who used to believe the Bible or used to attend church but have walked away because of persecution for their testimony. What will keep us faithful?

After the first six seals it is asked, "Who can stand before God in the judgment?" The answer - those who are sealed. Now when looking at the seven trumpets, it is asked, "What should we do?" The answer - Witness.

## Sermon Outline

1. Know the nature of our witness. Vs. 1-6
2. Know the results of our witness. Vs. 7-19

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 1-6

Remember, everything in Revelation is literal truth but displayed in symbols. The only way to make sense of the symbols is to know our Old Testament. In vs. 1, John is given a measuring rod, Why? In [Zechariah 2](#) the prophet receives a measuring line to measure Jerusalem. God would be a wall of fire around His people. ([Zech. 2:5](#)) This is God's promise to be with His people to protect them.

The temple that John is to measure refers to the people of God. The church is the temple. ([1 Corinthians 3:16](#)) God is promising to protect His church. NOTHING will derail God's good plans for His people. Those who are outside the temple are those who are outside of Christ - the unbelieving world. They will "trample" the church for forty-two months (1260 days) which refer to the time between the destruction of the temple and the coming of Jesus. (Compare this with [Revelation 12:4-6](#), [Revelation 13:5](#), [Daniel 7:12](#) and [Daniel 12:5-7](#) – as the same time period.)

The two witnesses refer to the church. We (the church) are part of the two witnesses. (Vs.4) The olive tree fueled the lampstands. ([Zechariah 4](#)) Now, the Holy Spirit fuels the church to bring light to the world. Why two lampstands? ([Matthew 18:16](#)) The church is called to maintain a witness regardless of the persecution of the world. The Holy Spirit will provide the power to bring light into a dark world. How can we maintain witness in a hostile world?

Four things to strengthen our witness:

- We, as the witness, are protected by God. He is our refuge. If you are in Christ, you are in the safest place in the universe.
- Our witness is authorized by God. ([vs. 3](#); [Matthew 28:18](#)) The world will object to the message, because the gospel message demands repentance from those to whom we share the gospel and from those of us sharing the gospel.
- We are strengthened by God. ([Vs. 4](#)) The Holy Spirit fuels the believers. ([Isaiah 40:28-31](#))
- The content of our witness is truth. It is God's word - the message of the gospel. If they reject the message, it is not us they are rejecting. They are rejecting Jesus.

The fire, the drought and the plagues are expressions of God's judgment. (I Kings 17-18, Exodus 7-13) If the world refuses the life giving message of Jesus, then the only thing left is death and judgment.

Do you find yourself intimidated by the world? Do you pity the world? We should pity the world, pray for the world, and proclaim the message with urgency. Time is almost out! Judgment is coming, but there is a way of escape. With whom do you need to share the message of the gospel?

## 2. Read vs. 7-19

The beast is introduced in this chapter to remind us that our real enemy is the spiritual forces of this world. ([Ephesians 6:12](#))

What are the results of our witness?

- Suffering. As the church shares the gospel, that message can taste bitter. Some will not just spit it out but will try to silence the church. When they think they have done that, they will throw a party.

When the gospel is proclaimed and threatens an idol, sin or something we have grown to love, it can be a torment to the soul. How do you respond when the light of God's word exposes your idol, sin, etc.? Do you thank God and trust Him? Do you make excuses? Do you respond with violent rejection?

The path of the believer is similar to that of Jesus who strengthens our resolve by telling us beforehand that we will suffer. (John 15) The synonym for "witness" in the Greek dictionary is "martyr." Isn't this true of the believer now? Do you wrestle with fear? As a believer, you have lost your life already by giving it to Jesus, setting us free from fear. ([Luke 9:24](#))

- Resurrection. The enemy thought that he had silenced Jesus when Jesus died on the cross and was put in the tomb. The enemy was wrong - one the third day, Jesus rose.

There are times when the church may look like it's on life support, and the world thinks that they have destroyed it. But the church is indestructible! ([Matthew 16:18](#)) God will keep the lampstand shining.

It is God Who resurrects the unbelieving heart as well. God is our Ruler, but if we are not trusting Him, loving Him or seeking to submit to Him, we are rejecting His good rule over us. We, by default, want to do what we want to do. Our rebellion calls for a response. Jesus died for sinners. ([Romans 5:8](#)) He rose to offer life, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Turn from your sin and self-reliance and trust Christ.

- Vindication. We live today, hearing the six trumpets of judgments. They have been sounding their warning since Jesus came the first time, graciously calling us to repent and believe. The seventh trumpet marks the end of history.

In chapter six the martyrs asked, "How long?" ([6:10](#)) with the seventh trumpet, that time has come. At that time, all things will be made new, and all wrongs will be made right. All tears will be wiped away. Those who are outside of Christ will be judged. Those who believe will know God's gracious reward.

Years before losing his life in Ecuador, Jim Elliot wrote in his journal, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Jim Elliot may have lost his life, but he never lost his God.

### Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to confess? From what do I need to repent?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I understand, believe, desire, or do?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at [fbcum.org](http://fbcum.org)

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">Revelation 12:1-17</a> "Our Accuser is Conquered" |
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## Family Guide for week of June 16<sup>th</sup>

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*



### Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc...)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [\*The Big Picture Story Bible\*](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [\*Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home\*](#).

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## **Bible Intake** (*Listening to God*)

Day 1 – Psalm 78  
Day 2 – Psalm 79  
Day 3 – Psalm 80  
Day 4 – Psalm 81  
Day 5 – Psalm 82

*\*Read Revelation 12:1-17 in preparation for church on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024*

## **Prayer** (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.  
Pray for a few church members on pg. 5 of our church directory.  
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

## **Sing together**

"Before the Throne of God Above" – use the bulletin from Sunday

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Exodus 20:12a** "Honor your father and your mother..."

**Exodus 20:13-15** "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal."

## **Catechism question for the week<sup>1</sup>**

Question 49

Where is Christ now?

Answer: Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after His death and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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<sup>1</sup> New City Catechism (<http://newcitycatechism.com/>)