

First Baptist Church of Lenoir at Worship

April 28, 2024

Welcome and Invocation Dr. Josh Hughes

Prelude Carla Reid

Call to Worship Rev. Michael Jennings

Leader: Lord of creation, in this springtime season, we come to this outdoor place this day to praise you.

People: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.

People: **He has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of life, who creates us.

People: **Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.**

* Hymn of Praise 43 "This is My Father's World" TERRA PATRIS

**This is my Father's world and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere,**

**This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.**

*New Testament Lesson 1 John 4:7-13 Dr. Hughes

Morning Prayer Dr. Hughes

*Offertory Hymn 330 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" NEW BRITAIN

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord hath promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.**

*Offertory Prayer Rev. Jennings

*Doxology

**"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

*Old Testament Lesson Psalm 22 Dr. Hughes

Anthem "Down to the River to Pray arr. Mary McDonald
with Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

*Kaitlin Crawford, Jessie Moore, Jessaca Brown, Carmen Saunders,
Ben Perry, Sherrill German, Tommy Clawson, Thomas Hinton*

Sermon "Roller Coaster Ride" Dr. Hughes

*Hymn of Dedication 502 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” SCOTT

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free:
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear:
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children, thus to share:
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Vocal Proclamation “Been Through the Water” Kyle Matthews
Derrick Walters

Ordinance of Baptism *Sofia Monroe Macchia* Dr. Hughes
Benjamin Ford Hillis
Emma Grace Hillis
Joanna Rose Sutton
Samuel Atticus Sutton

*Benediction Dr. Hughes

*Postlude Carla Reid

**Congregation Standing*