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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEW? We are glad that you are worshipping with us this Sunday. Feel free to contact us at faith@faithgainesville.org to meet with the pastor or learn about other opportunities to get involved.

Pre-Worship Meditation

Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

*Please stand, but feel free to sit when needed.

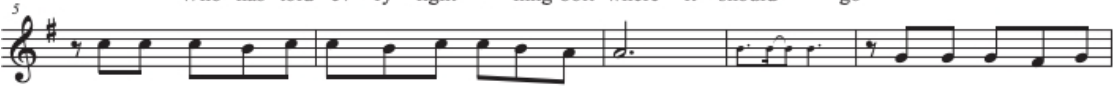
*Children ages 4 - 2nd grade will be dismissed before the pastoral prayer (see pg. 8).

Indescribable

Laura Story



From the high-est of heights to the depths of the sea,
Who has told ev-'ry light - ning bolt where it should go



cre - a - tion's re - veal - ing your ma - jes - ty. From the col - ors of
or seen heav - en - ly store - hous - es la - den with snow? Who i - mag - ined the



Fall to the fra - grance of Spring, ev - 'ry crea - ture u - nique in the song that it
sun and gives source to its light yet con - ceals it to bring us the cool - ness of



sings. All ex - claim - ing: In - de - scrib - a - ble, un - con - tain - a - ble; you placed the stars in the
night? None can fath - om.



sky, and you know them by - name. You are a - maz - ing God; - - - - All pow - er - ful
In - com - para - ble,



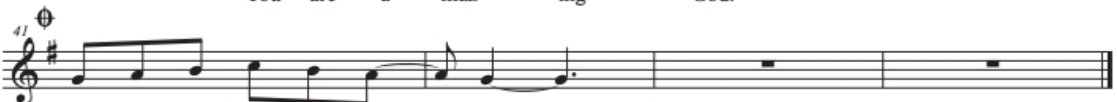
un - tam - a - ble. Awe - struck, we fall to our knees as we hum - bly pro - claim
un - change - a - ble; You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same.



you are a - maz - ing God. God.



You are a - maz - ing God. *D.S. al Coda*



You are a - maz - ing, God.

*GOD'S CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 15:3–4

Leader: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

*CALLING ON GOD AND PRAISING HIM

Holy, Holy, Holy!

┌ D Bm A D G D 7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

┌ Bm D G D G A7 D 7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Jesus, I Come

Words by William Sleeper
Music by Greg Thompson



Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I
Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I
Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I
Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I



come; Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy free - dom,
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the glo - rious
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy bless - ed
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the joy and



glad - ness, and light, Je - sus, I come to Thee,
gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
light of Thy home, Je - sus, I come to Thee.



Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health, Out of my
Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm, Out of life's
Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love, Out of de -
Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, In - to the



want - ing and in - to Thy wealth, Out of my sin and
storms and in - to Thy calm, Out of dis - tress in - to
spair in - to rap - tures a - bove, Up - ward for - ev - er on
peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold, Ev - er Thy glo - ri - ous



in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

O LORD, do not rebuke us in your anger, or discipline us in your wrath. For your arrows have sunk into us, and your hand has come down on us. There is no soundness in our flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in our bones because of our sin. For our iniquities have gone over our heads; they weigh like burdens too heavy for us. Forgive our sins, pardon our iniquities, and restore our communion with You, we ask through our Blessed Lord Jesus, Who for a little while was made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, Who by your grace tasted death for everyone. Amen.

A time of silent confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All Must Be Well

Words by Mary Bowley-Peters, alt. by Matthew S. Smith
Music by Matthew S. Smith



Through the love of God our Sav-ior, all will be well.
Though we pass through trib - u - la - tion, all will be well.
We ex - pect a bright to - mor-row, all will be well.



Free and change-less is his fa-vor, all - is well. Precious
Ours is such a full sal - va-tion, all - is well. Hap-py
Faith can sing through days of sor-row, all - is well. On our



is the blood that healed us, Per-fect is the grace that seal-ed us, Strong the
still in God con - fid - ing, Fruit-ful if in Christ a - bid - ing, Stead-fast
Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus ev 'ry need sup - ply - ing, Yes, in



hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well. (2.Though we)
through the Spi-rit's guid - ing, All must be well. (3.We ex)
liv - ing or in dy - ing All must be



well. On our Fa-ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus ev 'ry need sup -



ply - ing, Yes, in liv - ing or in dy - ing, All must be well.

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+At this time children in K4 through 2nd grade are dismissed for Children's Church.

3 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. ⁶For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, ⁷always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. ⁸Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ⁹But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

¹⁰You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹²Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Takeaway: There is a type of nominal religion that goes down easy. It teaches a generic, undemanding religion and expects favor from God. It has the appearance of godliness but denies its power. The gospel, however, radically restructures your life. It brings repentance and death to sin, as well as producing the fruit of the Spirit. People who want a simple and safe religion will stand opposed to the gospel. Is your Christianity too comfortable? What prevents gospel-change from happening in your life?

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- What is the good news of this passage? How does it bring hope to our brokenness and struggles?
- What are we led to believe from this passage? What doctrines, convictions, beliefs are strengthened from this passage?
- When and where do you struggle the most with the issue(s) this sermon raised?
- If you were to incorporate the teaching from this sermon and its related Scriptures into your own life, how would your life be different next week? next year?

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer for Those Seeking Belief

Dear God, I can recognize that I am flawed and that this world is broken. It is clear that we need more than what this world can provide. My guilt and shame are too real to ignore and too powerful to deny. Your word promises a new life in Christ and hope in the face of despair. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see. Help me to trust the preached Word I have heard, the sacraments I now see, and the church family I experience, all of which affirm the reality of faith. Lord, I want to believe, please help my unbelief. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children Seeking Assurance

Heavenly Father, help me to understand my sin and need for my Savior so that I can put all of my faith in Christ and not in myself. Help me remember my baptism as a sign that I belong here in this church family and that your promises are for me. Help me understand the sermon I just heard and teach me how the sacrament I now see points me to Christ. In Jesus Name, Amen.

GIVING HIS TITHES AND OFFERINGS (scan QR to give online)



+During the collection children will return from Children's Church.

**Doxology*

(Ken, Old Hundredth)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic[†] Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†]That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the outer rim for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine.

vs., 1, 3, 4

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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GETTING CONNECTED

HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the send-off party for the Carlins. We had a rootin' tootin' good time celebrating them.

Congregational Meeting, June 14, Following Worship—The called meeting is for the election of Patrick Lubitsky. The Session has examined and is recommending Patrick to the office of deacon.

Nominations to the Office of Ruling Elder - Now through May 17, Faith has opened a season of nominations for Ruling Elder. Please prayerfully consider qualified candidates you would like to nominate.

Candidate Visit with Sunday School Q&A, 5/24 Join us for a chance to meet our candidate for the Assistant Pastor of Youth and Family at 9am in Grace Commons. This is your opportunity to get to know him and ask him questions.

Church Lunch: Sunday, May 17: Please join us for food and fellowship at our May after-church lunch. Look for more info soon.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, May 23rd—7am to cook, 7:30am to eat. Bring \$2 for the breakfast and 2 cents for conversation.

Stellar VBS 2026 Use the QR code to register children **and** sign up to volunteer—roles include crew leaders, games, snacks, Bible activities, setup, and more. **Volunteer training:** Sunday, May 17, after church lunch. Attendance is important to ensure a fun, safe, and successful VBS week. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Teresa@faithgainsville.org or you can call or text 352-359-4126.



Sira Baby Bottle Campaign May 10th-June 21st Sira is a local non-profit faith-based pregnancy center. All services they provide are free. Your donations help the ministry continue to change lives for now and eternity. You can contribute by picking up your baby bottle. Fill your bottle with coins, cash, and checks. Or scan QR Code.



FELLOWSHIP EVENT SURVEY Please help the Fellowship Team plan future activities by filling out this survey by May 14, 2026. More details in the Faith Friday email. Thank you. Questions? Contact Roberta Cook at rbcook48@gmail.com.



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Children’s Church is available for ages K4 through 2nd grade. Children will be dismissed after the song following the “Assurance of Forgiveness” and will return after the sermon.

Sunday School: All classes 9am.

Community Groups:

- **Suburban Heights, Millhopper** meets Tuesday, contact joe@faithgainesville.org
- **Westside** meets Sunday, contact jeremiahkumpf@gmail.com
- **Micanopy** meets Wednesday, contact massimoisastia@yahoo.com
- **High Springs, Alachua** meets Thursday, contact cord@faithgainesville.org
- **Tioga, Newberry** meets Tuesday, contact jeremylscheer@gmail.com
- **Northeast** contact chadzwolcott@gmail.com

Faith Youth Ministry: Youth Group meets the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month from 4-6:30pm.

College Students, Join Band to Get Updates Scan the QR code to get updates for ways you can connect in Faith’s College Ministry.



GradPro: A graduate student and young professionals community that meets two Saturdays a month at 10 AM for brunch, fellowship, prayer, and to study scripture together. For more information, join our WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code. To learn more, please contact Jeremiah Kumpf: (jeremiah@faithgainesville.org).

Women’s Bible Study: Tuesday morning May 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m. **Sunday mornings**, 9:00-9:45 a.m. Both groups meet in the Teaching Center, and childcare is provided. We are using the study book Habakkuk: Learning to Live by Faith, by Lydia Brownback. If you need a study book, contact Christie Nelson or Betty Brady.

The Women’s Newsletter with current information is available on the church website (tinyurl.com/WNLMay2026). You can also receive information by joining our Women’s Ministry WhatsApp group chat. Scan the QR code to join.



Gainesville Community Ministries: drop off nonperishable goods in the basket in the foyer.

Having Trouble Hearing Our Service?

See a greeter prior to worship to borrow a hearing device.

Giving and Attendance				
Last Week's Giving	Last Week's Budget	Fiscal YTD Giving	Fiscal YTD Budget	Last Week's Attendance
\$30,811.28	\$12,366	\$416,642	\$432,810	188

Prayer Requests & Faith Friday Emails

Our office sends weekly emails with prayer requests, updates, and announcements regarding everything going on in the life of our church. If you would like to be added to either of these email lists, check out our websites "Get Connected" page or scan the QR Code. —>>



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Mercy Application



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