

Earle Street Baptist Church

10:30 am Worship

October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

CHIMES

WELCOME

Janice Hinnant

PRELUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

arr. Don Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise Plumblee

Leader: Come, let us praise God, who promises us forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

All: Let us praise Christ, who is present with us in trials and joys.

Leader: Let us praise the Spirit, who encourages us in the struggle for justice and peace.

All: Let us draw near to God, who promises to forgive us, to fill us with courage, and to be present with us in this world and the next. Amen.

INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #349

To God Be the Glory

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(All children, grade 5 and under, may come forward on the final stanza.)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may to in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Erin Baggett

(Following this, preschoolers, ages 3 – K5, may go to Sunday School.)

ANTHEM

More Love
Youth Ensemble

by Mark Miller

Madison Hayes, Serenity Hayes, Reagan Patterson, Chloe Rau, Wren Smith
Rosemary Cureton, accompanist

Four simple words we sing today. With these four words we ought to pray,
And take to heart this sacred phrase: "More love, less hate."
It seems so easy on its face. Four words to heal the human race, and yet we struggle to create
More love, less hate; more love, less hate.

For love we stand! More love in this land!
Will you join? Come take my hand! More love, less hate.

When fear and violence touch our lives,
Hate separates, seeks to divide.
Our faith in love won't be denied. More love, less hate.

Just as the night gives way to dawn, justice shines forth before too long.
Until that day we will sing on, "More love, less hate."

For love we stand! More love in this land!
Will you join? Come take my hand! More love, less hate.
For love we stand! More love in this land! Will you join? Come take my hand!
More love, yes, love! More love, less hate.
More love! More love! More love! More love!

*OFFERTORY HYMN #694 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

MORNING SONG

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew;
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Joyce McCarrell

OFFERTORY

Draw Me Nearer

arr. Todd Billingsley

*RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:12

Gary Strickland

¹¹ Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God of Grace
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free.
O the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul;
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace who loved and knew me long before the world began,
Sent my Savior down from heaven, perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own;
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You, in Your everlasting grace.
And forever I'll adore You, in Your everlasting grace.

MESSAGE

Gary Strickland

"I Owe a Debt I Cannot Pay - Forgive Us Our Debts"

Sermon Series: *The Jesus Way to Pray*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #680 *I Then Shall Live*

FINLANDIA

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child, and I am not afraid.

So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;

I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.

**I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.**

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,

Your power and glory, let them shine through me;

Your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor, and may Your living kingdom come in me.

The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,

And may You feed a hungry world through me.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

Gary Strickland

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #705

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, amen.

*POSTLUDE

Yorkminster Processional

by Gordon Young

*Congregation will please stand.

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Our worship services are live streamed via the ESBC YouTube channel. The services are also archived for future viewing on YouTube.

For an explanation of the meaning of the colors and symbols used for worship in our sanctuary, please refer to the worship guide located on the front page of the hymnal.

Acolyte—Campbell Moore

Deacon of the Week—Joyce McCarrell

Greeters—Margaret Kirby/Mike Gates/Norma Green

Sound Technician—Jay Gibson

Video Technician—Dan Boehm

Ushers—Mary Arrowood, Glenn Arrowood, Dru Hester, Denise Plumblee, Roger Massengale, Robin Scott Blackburn