



Brookwood
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Sunday Morning Worship

Brookwood Baptist Church

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Gospel Reflection

(John 6:41-51)

*Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes has eternal life.*

They
murmured.

Bread?
Down
from heaven?
We know his mother and father.
They live
down the street!

This is not about knowing,
but believing,
Jesus
says.

Believe
that I love you
and want to be a part of you forever.

What better way than
to be your
food?

Jesus, we believe.
Be our food.

~ written by Anne Osdieck

Prelude

Prayer to Jehovah

Anna Williams

Music: Molly Ijames

Welcome / Invocation

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Songs of Praise

Here is Love / In Christ Alone

Prayer of Confession

Keith McLeod

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' This is the promise of God to whom we now pray.

Heavenly Father: thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to be the Bread of Life for the world. Forgive us for elevating earthly appetites above devotion to you. Feed us with the knowledge of Christ so that we recognize our sin and gladly repent in his name.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose daily need for healthy food, clean water and proper shelter goes unmet, and for those misusing what they have in the vain pursuit of pleasure. Feed them with all the good things of Christ for life now and in eternity.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those whose lives have been broken by violence and crime, especially those in Ukraine. Feed them with hope and a new life in Christ. And bless our brothers and sisters in prison and those who minister to them.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Feed those who are sick or sorrowing with healing and consolation through Christ. We pray particularly for Robin Harbin, Patrick Ryan and Randell Thrasher. And meet the needs of others we know personally to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts... (brief silence)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, you heard the prayers of your people in the wilderness and fed them bread from heaven despite their sin. Graciously hear us today and feed us too with the Bread of Life from heaven, even our Lord Jesus Christ, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Were It Not for Grace

Rusty Foster

Words and Music by David Hamilton and Phil McHugh

Modern Hymn

Behold the Lamb

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Scripture Reading

John 6:48-58

Amy Causey

NRSV

⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"I Am"

Dr. Blake Dempsey

The Bread of Life

Preparation for The Table

I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love

Sanctuary Choir

Words and Music by Mary McDonald

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.

Receiving the Elements

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**

Hymn of Response

All Glory Be to Christ

Words: Dustin Kensrue / Music: Traditional Scottish Folk Tune

Benediction

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Postlude

Anna Williams

Today's flower arrangement is given in memory of our beloved pastor and friend,
Jim Barnette, by his family.

Brookwood Ministers

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Upcoming Events

Quarterly Business Meeting (QBM)

Tonight @ 5:00 pm

In Sanctuary

"Parenting with a Purpose"

Children's Ministry Event

March 24 @ 6:00 pm

In Chapel

Children's Spring Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:15 pm in Sanctuary.

(March 23 & April 6, 13)

Children will sing in 11:00 am Easter Sunday Service.

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