



March 13, 2022
Worship Service - 10AM

Order of Worship

OPENING SONG

Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

4. Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

5. Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne

6. Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP - *JOB 28:20, 23-24, 30*

All: From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding? God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'"

SONGS OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

2. Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

5. High King of heaven when vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

NEW CITY CATECHISM: QUESTION 11

Q: What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

A: Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

Thy Mercy My God

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

2. Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON - ACTS 12:1-25

1 About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. 2 He killed James the brother of John with the sword, 3 and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. 4 And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. 5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

6 Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. 7 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. 8 And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." 9 And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. 11 When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

12 When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. 13 And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. 14 Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. 15 They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" 16 But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. 17 But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

18 Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. 19 And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

20 Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. 21 On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. 22 And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" 23 Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

24 But the word of God increased and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

A Power Struggle - Acts 12:1-25

"There is no purgatory for war criminals, they go straight to hell, Ambassador"

-Ukraine's U.N. ambassador, *Sergiy Kyslytsya*, addressing the Russian UN ambassador.

Theme: *We do not need to live in fear of human power. As followers of Jesus, we are called to fear the Lord.*

#1 - An Exploration of Power

The Power of Man

Human power is limited and trusting in it leaves us afraid and insecure.

The Power of God

When we come to the end of human power the answer is not more power. It is more faith.

#2 - Responding to the Power of God

An Encouragement

God allows us to experience the limitations of human power so we can learn to rest in His power.

A Warning

Death comes to everyone. Only Jesus has conquered the power of death. Are you resting in His resurrection power?

Other Passages

Mark 4:38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" **39** And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. **40** He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:54 "Death is swallowed up in victory." **55** "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

CONFESSION OF SIN

[A prayer from John of the Cross]

All: *O blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You. Let your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me,
O King of Gentleness, King of Peace. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - PSALM 34:22

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

CLOSING SONG

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION - REVELATION 22:21

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to share a prayer request with the church or would like someone to pray for you, please contact Senior Pastor Keith Doane (kdoane@livingbranch.net), Assistant Pastor Cody Brobst (cbrobst@livingbranch.net), Elder Ken Bubp (klbubp@gmail.com), or Elder Bruce Longbottom (blongbottom@sbcglobal.net)

Contributions

Checks can be made payable to 'Living Branch Church'. Online giving can be set up at livingbranch.net or through the Church Center App

Audio/Visual Team will meet Sunday, March 13, immediately after the worship service. If you are interested in joining, please see Bruce Longbottom.

LBC Journey Lunch and Launch - March 20, 11:30-12:30: For the last year, a group of us have met to explore a creative, friendly way to engage our own neighbors with the heart of the Christian faith. Following the worship service we will meet in the gym. RSVP with Pastor Cody for your household so we can properly account for food.

Theology Thursday - The Fruit of the Spirit: 3/17/22

We will meet on Zoom (info below) at 6:30pm. E-mail Pastor Cody at cbrobst@livingbranch.net for more information.

Direct Link: <https://zoom.us/j/6940800068>. Meeting ID: 694 080 0068

Women's Ministry Event: "Pizza by the Water: Wave Goodbye to Winter"

Join us for Food, Fellowship, and Fun at South Harbour Clubhouse on Thursday, March 24, 7-9 p.m. Contact Amberlee Doane or Barbara Gable to let us know if you will be coming.

Ukraine: For updates about ministries in Ukraine visit MTW.org Ukraine Crisis.

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