

# The Lord’s Day Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

September 10, 2006

10:00 a.m. Congregation

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## For Reflection & Preparation for Worship

<sup>ESV</sup> **John 3:25-30** Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. <sup>26</sup> And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness - look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." <sup>27</sup> John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' <sup>29</sup> The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease."

**Amos 9:13 - 15** "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. <sup>14</sup> I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup> I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.

## Prelude

### †Salutation

To the South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church,  
to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,  
together with all of you who call upon the name of our Lord:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

### †<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship – *O Worship the King!*

O Worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His power and His love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills, in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

### †Prayer of Adoration

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<sup>1</sup> †-- The congregation stands

## Welcome

**Call to Confession & Repentance** - based on Romans 5:8 and Heb 4:16, NRSV

*The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need....Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.....*

## Confession of Sin

Private Confession (silently)

Public Confession (in unison):

*Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend wha we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 John 1:5-7**

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from *Jesus* and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

### †Song of Faith – *Thy Mercy My God*

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 affection and bound my soul fast

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

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 to the praise of the mercy I’ve found

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.*

### †Greeting

### † Gathering Song – *The Sands of Time are Sinking*

The sands of time are sinking  
The dawn of heaven breaks,  
The summer morn I’ve sighed for  
The fair sweet morn awakes  
Dark, dark had been the midnight  
But dayspring is at hand  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel’s land.

The king there in His beauty  
without a veil is seen  
It were a well spent journey  
Though seven deaths lay between  
The Lamb with His fair army  
Doth on Mount Zion stand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth,  
In Emmanuel’s land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain  
The deep sweet well of love  
The streams on earth I’ve tasted  
More deep I’ll drink above  
There to an ocean fullness  
His mercy doth expand  
And glory, glory dwelleth,  
In Emmanuel’s land.

The bride eyes not her garment  
But her dear bride-groom’s face  
I will not gaze at glory  
But on my King of grace  
Not at the crown He giveth  
But on His pierced hand  
The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Emmanuel’s land.

Oh, I am my beloved’s  
And my beloved is mine!  
He brings a poor vile sinner  
Into His house of wine  
I stand upon His merit  
I know no other stand  
Not e’en were glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel’s land.

## Announcements

### Call to prayer

- from the Heidelberg Catechism, #116

“As Christians, we believe that prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. We also believe that God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking Him for them.”

### Prayer Requests and Intercessory Prayers

### The Offering

### The Sermon

– <sup>ESV</sup> **John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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### †Closing Song - *May the Mind of Christ my Savior*

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say /

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only thru His power /

May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing /

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self-abasing,  
This is victory /

May I run the race before me  
Strong and brave to face the foe  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go /

May His beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win  
And may they forget the channel  
Seeing only Him /

### † Benediction

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#### Announcements

- **Website updates:** The Lord’s Service bulletins are now available online. Also, 2 new “links” have been posted for Parents, Artist, Musicians, and all others interested in engaging contemporary culture.

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#### Weekly Calendar

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Community Group at the Morris home;</b> 1106 Maximillian St. 6:30-8:00 pm. Call group leader, Patrick Morris if you have questions about this group. 383-4591.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Community Group at the Talbert home</b> – 654 Hillgate, 7:15 pm. Contact Scott Lindsay for details, 892.1867

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#### Coming soon

<b>September 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Men’s Morning Fellowship Group</b> begins meeting again. On the web: <a href="http://www.sbrpres.org/ministries_men.php">www.sbrpres.org/ministries_men.php</a>
<b>September 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Women’s Morning Fellowship Group</b> will begin meeting at 9:30 am at the home of Melissa Blanchfield, 5423 Southpointer. RSVP with Melissa – 768.7983
<b>September 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Youth Group cook-out</b> at the Voelkel’s; after church
<b>September 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Night Community group at the Bergers;</b> will meet 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday each month
<b>October 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Missions Conference</b> – Details forthcoming.
<b>October 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Womens’ Breakfast</b> - The women of the church are invited to a breakfast to be held at the home of FA and Karen Moore, 4 Hidden Oak. From 9-11 am. RSVP with Karen at 767.3222

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#### Contact information for church leadership:

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hope  
and prayer  
is that God will  
be pleased to make us a church that  
honors Him as our lives, our community,  
our city and our world are radically  
changed through  
the powerful  
working  
of the  
Gospel  
of  
Jesus  
Christ  
within  
all those  
who believe.**

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