

October Contemporary Worship Service
Eternal Life/Life After Death
October 24, 2021

Gathering Song – *House of God Forever* by Jon Foreman

God is my shepherd
I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting
He makes me rest
In fields of green, with quiet streams
Even though I walk
Through the valley, of death and dying
I will not fear
'Cause You are with me, You are with me
Your shepherd's staff comforts me
You are my feast in the presence of enemies
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me
In the house of God forever
(Repeat)

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth,
who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who
rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure
confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

Reading: Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

*“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Message

Pastor Reed Lee Pedersen

Song of the Evening – *Heaven Song* by Phil Wickham

Verse 1

You wrote a letter and You signed Your name
I read ever word Read it page by page
You said that You’d be coming
Coming for me soon
Oh my God I’ll be ready for You (Refrain)

Verse 2

I hear Your voice and I catch my breath
Well done my child enter in, in rest
As tears of joy roll down my cheek
It’s beautiful beyond my wildest dreams
(Refrain x2)

Refrain

I want to run on greener pastures
I want to dance on higher hills
I want to drink from sweeter waters
In the misty morning chill
And my soul is getting restless
For the place where I belong
I can’t wait to join the angels and sing
my heaven song

Litany for Eternal Life

Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.”

(John 27-28)

The world and its desires pass away,

but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:17)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

For the wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’
(Revelation 21:3-4)

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song – *I’ll Fly Away*

Verse 1

Some bright morning when this life is over
I’ll fly away
To that home on God’s celestial shore
I’ll fly away

Refrain

I’ll fly away, oh glory
I’ll fly away, in the morning
When I die, Hallelujah by and by
I’ll fly away

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have gone
I’ll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I’ll fly
I’ll fly away

Verse 3

Oh, how glad and happy when we meet
I’ll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet
I’ll fly away

Verse 4

Just a few more weary days and then
I’ll fly away
To a land where joys will never end
I’ll fly away