



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, February 18th, 2018 First Sunday in Lent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Merciful Father in heaven, we perceive in the cross both the condemnation of sin and the promise of forgiveness. Lord have mercy and teach us to follow Jesus to the cross that we might die to ourselves and live in through Son. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

*The Introit “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”
(Tune: Winchester New)

Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.

So let us choose the path of One who wore for us the crown of thorn,
And slept in death that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn.

*Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcome

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Reflection “Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that you're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

Here I am to worship.

Unison Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Praise “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

#198

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn and are invited downstairs following their blessing for their own service.

Children's Blessing

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Esther Wiens

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6. 1-10

(N.T. pg. 181)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 91

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

All: “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

Leader: For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

All: God will cover you with his pinions, and under God's wings you will find refuge; God's faithfulness is a shield.

(Cont'd, see over.)

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day.

All: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

*Gloria Patri #623

Congregation

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.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4.1-11

(N.T. pg. 3)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Approach

“The Old Rugged Cross”

#186

Gift of Music

Christa Walsh

Sermon

“Trust God in the Wilderness” Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win,
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst, so teach us gracious Lord,
To die to self and so to live by your most holy word.

Abide with us, that through this life of suff'ring and of pain,
An Easter of unending joy we may at last attain.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts & Offerings

Christa Walsh

*Response of Praise

“Lamb of God”

(by Twila Paris)

**Your only son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God! I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

*Benediction

Music for Departing

“Lenten Meditation” (Eccles)

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

Brenda Ziolkowski

Anyone desiring prayer is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary on the right hand side. One of our deacons will be there to listen and to pray with you.

“A Time For Friends”: Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Scripture readings for February 28th: 1 Thessalonians 4.1-7, Matthew 15.21-28.

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