



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, February 25th, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Father, give us new hearts that desire only what you desire. Help us to live holy lives, to turn from sin, and to love you and those around us more and more. We ask this for Jesus' honour and in his name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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.

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Praise “Great is thy Faithfulness”

#43

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

Gift of Music

“Feed My lambs”

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Ben Sentis

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4.1-7

(N.T. pg. 204)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 123

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

All: **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

All: **Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

*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 15.21-28

(N.T. pg. 16)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Approach

“Seek ye first”

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**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you -
Allelu, alleluia!**

**We cannot live by bread alone but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God -
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you -
Allelu, alleluia!**

Sermon

“Recovering the Call to Holiness”

Ron Phillips

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Cleanse Me”

#439

Prayers of the People

Norma Holtlander

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

Mark Anderson

*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.
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

*Benediction

Ron Phillips

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

Eleanor Russell

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 March 4th: Ephesians 5.1-14, Luke 11.14- 28. Kayely Rich preaching.

Thanks to Melissa Morgan for directing the choir today!

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