



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, March 11th, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*\*Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

## **We Gather as God's People**

**Silent Prayer:** Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, all things are yours to give. In your mercy, bless us so that might be a blessing to others as you direct us. In Jesus' name we pray, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Eternal God. 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

John Nelson

\*Welcome

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

\*Welcoming One Another

## We Approach God

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\*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

John Nelson

\*Hymn of Praise                    “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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*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                    “Christ On Calvary”

Sanctuary Choir

## We Listen to God

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Scripture Reader

Deborah Nelson

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 4.21-5.1

(N.T. pg. 190)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 143

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

All: Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

(Cont'd, see over.)

Leader: I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands.

Choir: *I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.*

All: **Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.**

Leader: Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Choir: *Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.*

All: **Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.**

\*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: John 6.1-14

(N.T. pg. 97)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

\*Hymn of Approach      “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” By Keith & Kristyn Getty

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,  
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am;  
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, “Come.”  
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus his family is my own,  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.  
How could I now dishonour the ones that you have loved?  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus - the path before the crown -  
We follow in his footsteps where promised hope is found.  
How great the joy before us to be his perfect bride;  
Beneath the cross of Jesus we will gladly live our lives.**

Gift of Music

John Nelson

Sermon

“Fed by God, Set Free to Share” Joel Russell-MacLean

## We Respond to God

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\*Hymn of Response

“This Is My Father’s World”

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Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Lenten Reflection (Albinoni)

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Chorale From St. John’s Passion (Bach)

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

Collin Carbno

*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 18th: Hebrews 9.11-15, John 8.46-59.

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