



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, March 24th, 2019 Third Sunday of Lent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despondency, lust of power, and idle talk; but grant your servant instead the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love. O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins, and not to judge my sister or brother; for you are blessed, to the ages of ages. Amen.

- The lenten prayer of St Ephrem of Syria

Music for Gathering “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (Conkey) Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service John Nelson

Morning Chimes

*The Introit “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”
(Duke Street, #231)

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.

We bear the silence, cross and pain
Of human burdens, human strife,
While sisters, brothers help sustain
Our courage till the Feast of Life.

Call to Worship and Prayer John Nelson

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Welcoming One Another

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 14.15-24

(N.T. pg. 77)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Approach “Come All Christians Be Committed”

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Gift of Music

Karen Martin

Sermon “Inviting Others for Dinner, the Jesus Way”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“The Feast is Ready”

Graham Kendrick

The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
The feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heaven are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside.

Tables are laden with good things,
O taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
He'll turn your water into wine.

Refrain:

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight!
Come and revel in heaven's love and light!
Take your place at the table of the King,
The feast is ready to begin.
The feast is ready to begin!

The hungry heart he satisfies,
Offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud,
The amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

Prayers of the People

Hilary Ryan

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

Karen Martin

*Reflective Response

“Give Thanks”

**Give thanks to the Lord above; give thanks to the Lord of love;
Give thanks for he has given his begotten Son.**

**Give thanks for our answered prayers; give thanks for a God who cares;
Give thanks because he gave us his beloved one.**

**(And now let the sick say “I am healed”, let the old say “I am new”,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.) 2x**

*Benediction

Music for Departing

“Lenten Meditation” (Bach)

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

Ron Phillips

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.

AGM - Today, following morning worship, in the lower hall.

‘Kisemanito Pakitinasuwin - The Creator’s Sacrifice’

Please sign the guestbook at the display table and add your comments. See our March Newsletter for more information on the series of paintings loaned to us through the season of Lent.