



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, March 29th, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, you did not abandon or forsake Jesus as he approached his death, you sustained him to the end. Jesus in turn gave his life for us: may he sustain and renew us through our union with him. In his name we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship

John Nelson

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

We Approach God

Hymn of Praise

“We Are God's People”

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of God's Spirit, established by God's Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.**

**We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall God's work on earth be done.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Karen Martin

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader
Response

Esther Wiens

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 38.9-16

Leader: O Lord, all my longing is known to you; my sighing is not hidden from you.

All: My heart throbs, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.

Leader: My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction, and my neighbours stand far off.

All: Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek to hurt me speak of ruin, and meditate treachery all day long.

Leader: But I am like the deaf, I do not hear; like the mute, who cannot speak.

All: Truly, I am like one who does not hear, and in whose mouth is no retort.

Leader: But it is for you, O Lord, that I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

All: For I pray, “Only do not let them rejoice over me, those who boast against me when my foot slips.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26.17-29

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Dinner With Jesus”

Jennifer Holtslander

Hymn of Response

“Behold the Lamb”

(By Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you; eat and remember:
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
The great price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you; drink and remember:
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise,
To respond and to remember:
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the wedding feast, around the table of the King.**

We Respond to God

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.

Hymn for Departing

“Gentle Shepherd”

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
For we need your strength from day to day.**

**There's no other we can turn to
Who can help us face another day,
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us
For we need to you to help us find our way
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Gentle Shepherd come and lead us
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Benediction

Jennifer Holtslander