



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, March 8th, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: "Enter among us this day, O God. Where we are barren of faith, perform your miracle of truth. Where we are barren of love, perform your miracle of grace. Where we are barren of energy, perform your miracle of renewal. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen!"

- John M. Drescher

Music for Gathering

"Prelude in C Sharp Minor"

Konomu Sinclair

by Rachmaninoff

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Richard Hovey

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

*The Introit

"Throughout these Lenten Days and Nights"

**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.**

*Call to Worship

John Nelson

Leader: God is waiting for us:

Choir: With a tender heart and a searching question.

Leader: God is ready for us:

People: With truth and wisdom from a deep well.

Leader: God is blessing us:

Choir: With springs of living water.

Leader: God is sending us:

People: To sing, pray and witness every day.

Leader: God is here, in this place to belong, and everywhere.

ALL: Let the conversation begin.

*Our Response: "Speak, O Lord" by Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness;

That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

*Union Prayer "This Hour of United Worship"

O God, today, in this hour of united worship, turn our hearts toward you. Touch our spirits by your Spirit. Speak to us, teach us your everlasting truth. Come with conviction and revelation. That we may be convicted of our wrong and that you may reveal your forgiveness and your desire for our lives. Transform our lives into the likeness of your Son, our Saviour and Lord. For it is in his name we ask it all. Amen.

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

All: And also with you.

*Music Response "The Family of God"

#282

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God-

I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by his blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod.

For I'm part of the family, the family of God.

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Reflective Moment

"I Come to the Cross"

by Bill Batstone

**I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace;
I come to the cross where you died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into your strength; humbly I come to the cross.**

**Your arms are open, you call me by name, you welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame;
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come to the cross.**

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Praise

"To Worship, Work and Witness"
(words- H. Lambkin/tune- Webb, #477)

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn before going downstairs for Godly Play and Oasis.

**To worship, work, and witness, the Good News spread abroad,
We magnify your mission, Church of the living God;
The Father's new creation through Jesus Christ his Son,
The Spirit has empowered to do as Christ has done.**

**As members of Christ's body, hold fast to Christ your head;
Become Christ's open letter, by others to be read;
Bear witness as Christ's temple, Himself the cornerstone,
And be Christ's living altar where on His love is shown.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Debby Nelson

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

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Responsorial Reading: Psalm 25: 1-5, 8, 9

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

Choir: Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

All: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

Leader: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths;

Choir: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour,

All: And my hope is in you all day long. 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 21: 23-32

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Preparation

“Come to Jesus”

by Chris Rice

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die;

Solo

O, raise your head, for Love is passing by.

Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live!

Now your burden's lifted and carried far away,

And precious blood has washed away the stain.

So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live!

Like a new born baby, don't be afraid to crawl,

Remember when you walk sometimes you fall.

So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live!

Sermon

“By Whose Authority...”

John Nelson

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Come to Jesus”

*Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain,
So if your sky is dark and pours like rain,
Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live!*

Solo

**O when the love spills over, and music fills the night,
And when you can't contain your joy inside,
Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!**

**And with your final heartbeat kiss the world goodbye,
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side.
And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!**

Fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus (*Pause*)..... and live!

Prayers of the People

Murray Wolfe

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

“Sonata in E Major, 2nd Mov't.”

Konomu Sinclair

By Beethoven

*Response of Praise

“O for a Heart to Praise My God”

#440

(tune: azmon)

**Oh, for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free,
With conscience sprinkled by the blood so freely shed for me.**

**A heart devoted, yielding, meek, my dear Redeemer's throne;
Where Jesus Christ is clearly heard, and where he reigns alone.**

*Benediction

**And now, as we go from this place of worship,
We go with the power of the Holy Spirit,
We go with the Word of God dwelling in us richly,
We go with the love for one another which Christ commands.
We go into the world with the joy of the Holy Spirit,
And the peace Christ gives will be ours.
We go in peace, trusting in how great God is and who has won our hearts.
We go from this place to belong, as cheerful and courageous real givers, trusting in
God's provision! Praise the Lord!**

Music for Departing

“Polonaise in F Sharp Minor”
by Chopin

Konomu Sinclair

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.*

Katepwa Lake Camp Information and Fundraiser Luncheon at First Baptist

Today, following our morning service.

Campers, former campers, volunteers, staff, and faithful supporters - all are welcome to join some camp staff and board members for lunch. Plan to be a part of this exciting ministry in 2020!

Special Music for March at First Baptist

Our thanks to Konomu Sinclair for offering her gifts and blessing us today. Konomu is from Fort Qu'Appelle, and in grade ten in school and pursuing his grade ten piano exam which he will complete in August of this year.

Music Festival Scholarships Fundraising

Fort Qu'Appelle festival is seeking financial support for scholarships for student entrants. We are sharing this opportunity as this festival's leadership includes Sarah Konecsni and features many of her students, several of whom have ministered to us through their music over the past few years. She and her sister have also been holding their recitals here. Three of Sarah's students will again be joining us for worship in March.

From Sarah:

We are raising \$2000 for scholarships. There is a fee for each entry into a music festival. Scholarships help to make up for this expense, finance ongoing musical study and support, and encourage the students. Without adequate funding, our music festivals will cease to exist. With so few avenues for musical promotion and adjudicated performances, festivals are an essential component in the continuing education of our musical students. Each time one of my students performs at First Baptist, they leave feeling completely supported, nurtured, and appreciated by your loving church family.

If you wish to make a donation, please make all cheques payable to the "Qu'Appelle Valley Music Festival". All donations \$25 and over will receive a tax receipt.



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