



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of 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.

Music for Gathering

“Come with Me”-

“How Deep the Father's Love”

“Humble Cross”

“Amazing Grace”

First Baptist Reflections

Natalie & Maria Fuller (MYM '05)

Eric Anderson (EA '06)

Sanctuary Choir EA '15)

Lloyd Larson (MYM '07)

Lenten Reflection

Xavier Russell-MacLean

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.**

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

“O Boundless Salvation”

**O boundless salvation, deep ocean of love!
O fullness of mercy Christ brought from above,
The whole world redeeming, so rich and so free,
(Now flowing for all) 3x - Come, roll over me!**

**My sins, they are many, their stains are so deep,
And bitter the tears of remorse that I weep;
But weeping is useless thou great crimson sea,
(Thy waters can cleanse) 3x – Come, roll over me.**

**And now, hallelujah! The rest of my days
Shall gladly be spent in promoting his praise,
Who opened his bosom to pour out this sea
(Of boundless salvation) 3x – For you and for me!**

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“Invention in D minor”
“Moonlight Mood”

Adoniram Holtslander

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Julie Hovey

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Carmen Orthner

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15, 16

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 22: 23-31

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation
I will praise you:

**All: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob glorify the Lord;
stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.**

Leader: For the Lord did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; the Lord did
not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

**All: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before
those who fear the Lord.**

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise the
Lord. May your hearts live forever.

**All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the
families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.**

Leader: For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

**All: To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down. Before God shall
bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for God.**

Leader: Posterity will serve the Lord; future generations will be told about the Lord,

**All: Future generations will also proclaim the Lord's deliverance to a people yet
unborn, saying that the Lord has done it.**

**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 Lesson: Mark 8: 27-38

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Preparation

“Something Beautiful”

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**Something beautiful, something good;
All my confusion...he understood;
All I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,
But he made something....beautiful of my life.**

Sermon

“Without His Cross”

John Nelson

Reflection

“Without His Cross”

Rob Nelson/Choir (EA '07)
(Carolyn Lowther, violin/Bev Dyck & Mark Anderson)

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“I Saw the Cross of Jesus”

(Lancashire, #483)

**I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin;
I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace with in;
I brought my soul to Jesus, he cleansed it in his blood;
And in the cross of Jesus I found my peace with God.**

**I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am –
A vile and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;
No righteousness nor merit, no beauty can I plead;
Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.**

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

*Response of Praise "O for a Heart to Praise My God"

**O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels thy blood so freely shed for me!**

**Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; come quick from above,
Write thy new name upon my heart, thy new, best name of love.**

*Unison Benediction

John Nelson

**Lord, we have gathered on this Lenten journey to worship you.
As we go now, hide your words in our hearts.
Bring them to consciousness as we walk the road to Calvary.
Your word brings wisdom and order into our lives.
It lights our way and expounds your love for us.
May this light help us understand that without your death,
there is no life. Without your blood there is no life.**

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

A Virtual Time for Friends

After the music for departing a few smaller breakout groups will be formed. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. If you wish to take part, simply remain on zoom to greet the group and hear how others are doing.