



# *First Baptist Church*

*A Place To Belong*

## **Worship Service for Sunday, March 7, 2021** Third Sunday in Lent

\*Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.

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

**Silent Prayer:** Lord God, help us to hear your call, to respond to your grace, and to enter new life to the praise of your name. Amen.

#### **Music for Gathering**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (MYM ‘08)

“Burdens are Lifted at Calvary” (EA ‘12)

“In the Lord” (‘89)

“Like a River Glorious” (MYM ‘11)

#### **First Baptist Music Reflections**

Joseph Martin

Sanctuary Choir/Christa/Mark

Tri Dang, Paul Mutch, Jeff Sotropa, Barb Mutch

Joel Raney

#### **Lenten Reflection**

Christa Walsh

#### **Opportunities for Life and Service**

Kayely Rich

\*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 and Invocation

Kayely Rich

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

**All:** And also with you.

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

#267

**Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayers attend. Come and thy people bless,  
And give thy Word success, Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.**

**Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.**

**To the great One in Three eternal praises be,  
hence evermore. Thy sov'reign majesty  
may we in glory see, and to eternity  
love and adore.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

## We Listen to God

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Scripture Reader

Bonita Dueck

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 19:7-10

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**ALL: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**ALL: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and dripping of the honeycomb. 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.**

\*Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-50

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Ways of God”

Richard Hovey

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Preparation

“More Love to Thee”

#363

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee.  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
This all my earnest plea: more love, O Christ to thee,  
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Once earthly joy I craved, sough peace and rest;  
Now thee alone I seek, give what is best;  
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;  
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;  
This still my prayer shall be: move love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee, more love to thee.

\*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to the Supper

Richard Hovey

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

Richard Hovey

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

Gift of Music

“Remember Me” (EA ‘18)

Sanctuary Choir/Eleanor Hector, Mark, Christa

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

### Gifts and Offerings

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

### Communion

## We Respond to God

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\*Hymn for Departing

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#560

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which form our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above; for all the gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

\*Benediction

Richard Hovey

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

Join others for a special, “A Time for Friends.”

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