



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Merciful Father, you are right in all your decisions and blameless when you pass judgment. Forgive us and purify us through the work of Jesus Christ our Lord. Create within us new hearts and transform us by the renewing of our minds through the work of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

"He Leadeth Me"

"Lead Me to the Cross"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

First Baptist Reflections

Joseph Martin (MYM '12)

Maria & Natalie Fuller (EA '05)

Becky Nelson Findlay (EA '14)

Lenten Reflection

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 & Prayer

Richard Hovey

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 Preparation

“Speak O Lord”

By Kristyn and 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.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail -
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,
And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.**

Children’s Blessing

Julie Hovey

Gift of Music

Christa Walsh

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

John Nelson

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“Praise the Father, Praise the Son”

by Chris Tomlin

**O sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,
And fall before the throne of grace to you belongs the highest praise.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.**

**These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,
And ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.**

**To the valley, for my soul; your great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever
flows.**

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.**

Scripture Reader

John Hillmer

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those the Lord redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

All: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and the Lord saved them from their distress;

Leader: The Lord sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love, for wonderful works to humankind.

All: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.

*Gloria Patri

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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. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:17-31

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“He Hideth My Soul”

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**A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Saviour to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see.**

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand,
And covers me there with his hand.**

**A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord, he taketh my burden away,
He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved, he giveth me strength as my day.**

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand,
And covers me there with his hand.**

**When clothed with his brightness transported I rise
To meet him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, his wonderful love, I'll shout with the millions on high.**

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand,
And covers me there with his hand.**

Prayers of the People

Chris Senger

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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 quickly from above,
Write thy new name upon my heart, thy new, best name of love.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

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.