



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Medley of Lenten Reflections

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“Lamb of God”
(Twila Paris)

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

**Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Kayely Rich

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

All: **And also with you.**

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Jesus Paid It All”

#210

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for Godly Play (younger group) and Oasis (older group).

**I hear the Saviour say, “Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**Lord, now indeed I find thy pow’r and thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

**And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Carmen Pauls Orthner

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”

#460

**All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me; cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me; oh, the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.**

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 64, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into the Lord's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to the Lord's with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: In the Lord's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are the Lord's also.

Leader: The sea is the Lord's, for the Lord made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: For the Lord is our God

All: We are the people of the Lord's pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Leader: O that today you would listen to the Lord's voice!

All: Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

Leader: When your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

All: Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

*Gloria Patri

#623

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.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:1-5 (p. 155, New Testament section)

*Gospel lesson: John 4:5-14; 25-42 (pp. 94-95, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Here is Love”
(William Rees & Robert Lowry)

**Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav’n’s eternal days.**

**On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
Heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.**

**Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
Let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory; nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou thyself hast set me free.**

**In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
And thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in thee, my Lord.
Of thy fullness thou art pouring thy great love and pow’r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Chris Senger

We Depart to Serve God

* Hymn for Departing “Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”
(Words: Margaret Becker; Music: Keith Getty)

**Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage,
And I’ll follow, though I’m worn.**

**May this journey bring a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart’s testing,
With your likeness let me wake.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Processional”
(Vincenzo Petrali)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends” — an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

Coming up in March...

Sunday, March 19th

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Saturday, March 25th

Ladies Fellowship Breakfast
