



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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**Silent Prayer:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! Thank you, that I can bring my deepest hurts and regrets to you. Help me to lay them at your feet so that I can hear that you are the resurrection and the life, not only for one day in the future, but that you can make my life new today. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Medley of Hymns

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

**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**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Days of Elijah”

*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).*

**These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord;  
And these are the days of your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying “Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”**

**Behold he comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call,  
Lift your voice, it’s the year of jubilee, and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.**

**These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in your world;  
And we are the labourers in your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord.**

**Behold he comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call,  
Lift your voice, it’s the year of jubilee, and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

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**I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known,  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.**

**But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able  
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

**I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,  
Nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart.**

**But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able  
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

**I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing all of sin,  
Revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in Him.**

**But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able  
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

**I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noontide fair,  
Nor if I walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."**

**But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able  
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-6 (p. 806, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**All: Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**All: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

**All: I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;**

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

**All: More than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

**All: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

\*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 8:6-11 (pp. 157-158, New Testament section)

\*Gospel lesson: John 11:20-27 (p. 105, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Hope in the Face of Despair”

Kayely Rich

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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**Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

Prayers of the People

Kayely Rich

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

Kayely Rich

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\* 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

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

Lenten Reflection: “Sacred Head”  
(Wilson)

Mark Anderson

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 April...

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Sunday, April 2, 11:00 am	Special Palm Sunday Worship Service
Sunday, April 2, 7:00 pm	“For God So Loved World” Easter Concert
Monday – Wednesday, April 3-5, 7:00 pm	Short evening services of daily prayer; Online only
Monday – Thursday, April 3-6, 7:15 am	Morning prayer; online only
Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 7, 10:30 am	Good Friday Service (Westhill Park Baptist Church)
Sunday, April 9, 6:30 am	Sunrise Service (Wascana Marina)
Sunday, April 9, 11:00 am	Special Easter Sunday Worship Service
Saturday, April 22	Voice Novel Study

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