



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

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

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, you provided bread from heaven for your people in the desert for forty years so that they might learn that our physical life depends not only on food but on spiritual food. As we fast and pray this Lent, may we learn just how much our life depends on being right with you. Amen.

Music for Gathering "Waltz in A Minor"
(Kabalevsky) Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service Cheryl Johnston

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 Cheryl Johnston

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 “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”

During the singing of this hymn, the children are invited to come forward, stay at the front during the sermon, and then return to their parents before communion begins.

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.

The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,

Who found in weakness greater power,

Embraces us, though lost and flawed,

And leads us to his rising hour.

We bear the silence, cross, and pain

Of human burdens, human strife,

While sisters, brothers help sustain

Our courage till the feast of life.

And though the road is hard and steep,

The Spirit ever calls us on

Through Calvary’s dying, dark and deep,

Until we see the coming dawn.

So let us choose the path of one

Who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,

And slept in death, that we might wake

To life on resurrection morn!

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“Jesus Took the Cup”
(Arr. Hal H. Hopson)

Sanctuary Choir

For those who would like to follow along, the words are printed on page 7.

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

John Hillmer

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4 (p. 10, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the one who keeps you will not slumber.

All: The one who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; the Lord will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*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.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 4:1-5 (pp. 154-155, New Testament section)

*Gospel Lesson: John 3:13-17 (p. 94, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“He Trusted God”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach

“Be Unto Your Name”
(Lynn Deshazo & Gary Sadler)

We are a moment, you are forever, Lord of the Ages, God before time;

We are a vapor, you are eternal, love everlasting, reigning on high.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain;

Highest praises, honour and glory be unto your name, be unto your name.

We are the broken, you are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;

You are the love song we’ll sing forever, bowing before you, blessing your name.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain;

Highest praises, honor and glory be unto your name, be unto your name.

*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

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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.

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

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!

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

(All communion wafers are gluten free)

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.**

**Jesus guide me through the tempest; keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more.**

**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.**

**Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go—
And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at your throne.**

**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 Lenten Reflection—Finale from the St. John Passion Mark Anderson
(Bach)

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.

Lyrics for “Jesus Took the Cup”

Jesus took the bread, he took the bread and blest it,
Then gave it to his disciples, he gave it to them saying:
Take and eat this bread. This bread is my own body.
Do this and remember, remember me and eat.”

Jesus took the cup, he took the cup, gave thanks,
Then gave it to his disciples, he gave it to them saying:
Take and drink this cup. This cup is my own blood.
Do this and remember, remember me and drink.”

Thanks to God forever.

Coming up in March...

Sunday, March 19th

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