



# *First Baptist Church*

**Worship Service for Sunday, March 3rd, 2024**

3rd Sunday in Lent

*Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery.*

*The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary.*

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

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

**Silent Prayer:** Heavenly Father, creator of heaven and earth, show us the way we must go and help us to walk in it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

\*The Introit

"Only Our Holy God"

*"Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson"*

**What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated? Only our Holy God.**

**Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer his only Son?  
Who else invites me to call him, Father? Only our Holy God.**

**Come and behold him, the One and the Only.**

**Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship our Holy God.**

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

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

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*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn before going downstairs for Godly Play and Oasis.*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come and leap, ye lame, for joy.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro’ all the earth abroad the honours of your name.**

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

## **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Reader

Adoniram Holtslander

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 2:16-23

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 123

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes,

**All: To you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

Leader: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

**All: So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**All: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-23

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Approach:            **“Come as You Are”**                    (by David Crowder)

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been;  
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel:  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.**

**The Father is calling, “Come as you are;”  
Join Christ in the water, take up your cross;  
Welcome God’s Spirit and new life receive:  
Earth has no sorrow that God can’t redeem.  
Earth has no sorrow that God can’t redeem.**

**There’s hope for the hopeless and all those who’ve strayed.  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There’s rest for the weary, rest that endures:  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t cure.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t cure.**

\*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

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

Cheryl Johnston

### 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

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

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.

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the great "I Am";  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be;  
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.**

Prayer for the Bread

Adija Pusi

Prayer for the Wine

Bryan Orthner

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*Refrain:*

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. *(Refrain)***

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see,  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. *(Refrain)***

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where his glory forever I'll share. *(Refrain)***

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Prayers for Healing

Anyone who would like prayer for healing is invited to come forward following the worship service.

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.