



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, March 10th, 2024

4th 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, you sent your son to teach us to be humble and a servant to all. Show us how to be obedient to his example. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Oluseye Popoola

*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

*Hymn of Praise

“His Mercy Is More”

By Keith & Kristyn Getty

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

(Refrain:)

**Praise the Lord, his mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more**

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore:
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *(Refrain)***

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *(Refrain)***

**What riches of kindness he lavished on us!
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *(Refrain)***

God at Work in our Lives

Rosemary Ward

Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way”

#371 v. 1, 4

**Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way;
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine!**

**Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way;
Hold o’er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#381

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare, love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Scripture Reader

Enoch Earnest

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 125

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.

All: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and for evermore.

Leader: For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

All: So that the righteous may not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Leader: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

All: But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

*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.

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:30-37

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Cheryl Johnston

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour”

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**May the mind of Christ, my Saviour, live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.**

**May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing - this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.**

Prayers of the People

Derrick Bellows

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

Cheryl Johnston

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Man of Sorrows”

**Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem,
And reconcile the very ones, who nailed him to the tree.**

**Oh that rugged cross, my salvation, where your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, Hallelujah! praise and honour unto thee.**

*Benediction

Cheryl Johnston

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

“A Time For Friends”

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

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in Godly Play and Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.



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