



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, April 6th, 2025

5th 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: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit Throughout these Lenten Days and Nights”

**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.**

**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.**

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

"Be Unto Your Name"
(Lynn Deshazo & Gary Sadler)

The children are invited forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship.

**We are a moment, you are forever, Lord of the Ages, God before time;
We are a vapour, 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, honour and glory be unto your name, be unto your name.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

*Hymn of Approach

"Join All the Glorious Names"

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**Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love and pow'r,
That ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
All are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Saviour forth.**

**Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:
By thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
The joyful news of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.**

(Cont'd, see over)

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood, and died;
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside;
His pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counsellor, my pattern, and my guide,
And thou my shepherd art; O keep me near thy side:
Nor let my feet e'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Edie Hilts

Epistle Lesson: Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:8-14

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

All: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the desert.

Leader: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

All: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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: The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Response

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious redeemer, my saviour art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love thee because thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now**

*The 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 one, holy, universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Susan Bornowsky

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.

“Bread and Wine of Life” with “As the Deer”
(*Ruth Elaine Shram and Martin Nystrom*)

As the deer panteth for the water so my soul longeth after you.
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship you.

Here at your table so lovingly spread, you are the manna, you are the bread.
You are the wine that has freely been poured.
The bread and wine of life, bread and wine of life, through which we are restored.

Grain of the earth, grape of the vine, you are the bread, you are the wine.
You are the gift, our precious Lord,
The bread and wine of life, bread and wine of life, through which we are restored.

You’re my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You are the wine that has freely been poured,
The bread and wine of life, bread and wine of life, through which we are restored.
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship you.

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.

Communion

Prayer for the Bread

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Michael Farren)

**What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

Prayer for the Cup

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day, I know he will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me.”**

We Respond to Go

*Hymn for Departing “Man of Sorrows” *by Matt Crocker & Brooke Fraser*

**Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by his own betrayed.
Bowing to the Father's will, he took a crown of thorns.**

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

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

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

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing Calla-Dawn Brooks

“A Time For Friends”

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