



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, March 22, 2026

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: God, you are the strength of all who trust you. Accept our prayers. Due to the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without you. Grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments, we might please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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.

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.

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.

God at Work in Our Lives

Klaus Link

Sharon Moravec

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

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

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God’s almighty power hath made his gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne’r sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!**

**Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

*Hymn of Praise

“Refiner’s Fire”

(Brian Doerksen)

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.**

Refrain:

**Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire
Is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Master;
Ready to do your will.**

**Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within. *(Refrain)***

*Hymn of Praise

*“Hymn of Promise”
(Natalie A. Sleeth)*

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Karlee Mock

Epistle Lesson: James 5:13-16 (p. 231, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 50, selected verses

Leader: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

All: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

Leader: For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

All: "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.

Leader: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

All: Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

*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.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:1-18 (pp. 5-6, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”

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**Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford; teach me thy way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
Lead me with heav’nly light; teach me thy way!**

**When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me thy way!**

**When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!
When storms o’erspread the skies, teach me thy way!
Shine thro’ the cloud and rain, thro' sorrow, toil, and pain;
Make thou my pathway plain; teach me thy way!**

**Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!
Where’er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey’s done,
Until the crown is won, teach me thy way!**

Prayers of the People

Hilary Ryan

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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