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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
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PREPARING OUR HEARTS IN ANTICIPATION

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Robert J. Hughes

Based on the tune NICAIA by John Dykes MCMLXXXIV Lorenz Publishing Co.
(The Organist's Companion For the Church Year Book II - compiled by Lee Gwozdz)

Like any deadly virus, racism depends on a host in which it can live, grow and multiply. Racism depends on good people not speaking up. Racism depends on good people looking the other way. Racism depends on good people doing nothing. We can't afford to be good people.

-Roy A. Medley, General Secretary Emeritus, American Baptist Churches, USA

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Call to Worship

Laura McCorkill

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

Hymn of Praise (CONGR #5)

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

Responding in Peace, Stanza Two

“Celtic Alleluia”

Fintan O'Carroll/Christopher Walker

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Matthew 28.16-20

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

Morning Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Arr. Anna Laura Page

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Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading Sturtevant

Rev. Matthew

2 Samuel 18.31-19.4

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant and Jesse Heilman
"Helping a Hurting Friend: Grief"

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Call to Communion

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Arr. Walter Knapp and Ruth Elaine Schram

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Invitation to the Table

Celebrating the Bread

Celebrating the Cup

Hymn of Response, (CONGR 544)

"When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart"

RESIGNATION

Life of the Church

Benediction

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater Glory of God by:
Stanley & Alice Jo DeFries, in honor of their 69th wedding anniversary.*

*Liturgist: Laura McCorkill
Pianist: Christy Miller
Soloist: Neal Purvis, trombone
Organist: Evelyn Falen
Cantor and Soloist: Mark Robinson*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Local Church: Korean Presbyterian Church
American Baptist Churches -USA; Regional Resource Minister Rev. Dr. Alfred Fletcher, serving churches in the state of
Maine
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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.

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