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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive. Forgive everybody.

- Maya Angelou

Gathering Music

"You Are My All in All"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Anne Munsterman

Leader: God's grace is beyond our capacity

People: and so we come to give thanks for forgiveness we can never earn.

Leader: God's grace demands our response

People: and so we come to learn the ways of faithful living.

Leader: God's grace is meant to be shared

People: and so we come to encounter love and be equipped for loving.

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 353)

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

JUBILEE, alt.

* 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 (CONG 570, vs. 1)

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;

just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"These Forty Days"

Claudia F. Hernaman/Zollene Reissner (ASCAP)

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

God of endless love, you call us to love as you do. We confess that we do not. You call us to community made in your image, honest and vulnerable and real, speaking up when we witness hurt and choosing the way of accountability and reconciliation. We confess that we do not. We admit that we avoid, we talk about rather than to people, and we sweep things under the rug rather than deal with upsetting situations. You promise that the forgiveness we experience is the forgiveness we offer, that the peace we want can only be found when we practice. We confess that we want forgiveness for ourselves and punishment for others. Have patience with us, O God, for we are a work in progress.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

May the nudge of the Spirit remind you who you were made to be: forgiven, loved, and free to forgive and love those who surround you.

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.

Prayer Response

"Beautiful Things"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Danny Trent

Matthew 18.15-35

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

People: Thanks be to God!

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant and Dr. William M. Tsutsui
"The Foundation of Forgiveness"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 680)

"I Then Shall Live"
FINLANDIA

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Be Thou My Vision"
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Please leave the sanctuary in quiet reflection and greet one another in the narthex.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Anne Munsterman

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Susan Pauls Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill Welcome Table: Kimberly Sturtevant

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Morning Star Christian Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. Sandra Demott Hasenauer, supporting American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region

International Ministries Missionaries: Deliris & Moise Carrion-Joseph, serving in Mexico

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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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