



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

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*It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts: it is beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is the Lord's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. No sermon says all that should be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. That is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted knowing they hold future promise.*

- Oscar Romero

Gathering Music

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Rev. Melissa Murrell

Leader: We gather in the presence of Christ, who calls all people to himself.

**People: Not to escape the world he calls us to serve, nor gloat about our goodness, but to re-focus ourselves on his priorities.**

Leader: We gather in the presence of Christ, the king.

**People: He is preparing a place for us, in this world and the one to come, and is among us, preparing us for his kingdom.**

Leader: We gather in the presence of Christ, head of the Body,

**All: to worship and be made faithful.**

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 323)

"How Great Thou Art"  
HOW GREAT THOU ART

\* 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 546, vs. 1)

"Give Me Jesus"  
GIVE ME JESUS

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,**

**in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.**

## Children's Sermon

### SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

**You have said, Lord, that your followers would always be in community with those the world despises and overlooks. You have said, Lord, that we can see your face in the faces of those around us. You have said, Lord, that to follow you is to leave behind our status, and the status quo, to take up the cross instead. We confess that we hear you but we sometimes wish we didn't. Forgive us, God, for your way asks much of us and we haven't quite managed it yet. Forgive us when we have judged rather than loved, when we have taken it upon ourselves to sort people into "us" and "them", when we have turned our eyes away from even one of your beloved children. Forgive us and change our habits so our first instinct aligns with your love for all.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The God of love for all has blessed you with that love. Hear the proclamation that you are forgiven and loved.*

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

"The Water is Wide (The Gift of Love)"

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### RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

America for Christ

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

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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

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Matthew 25.31-46

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  
"Your Sheep BINGO Card"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 650)

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"  
JOYFUL SINGING

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Abide with Me"  
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Please leave the sanctuary in quiet reflection and greet one another in the narthex.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Melissa Murrell

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson      Pianists (duet): Dr. Christy Miller/ Dr. Meredith Bagwell-Gray  
Pianist: Dr. Christy Miller      Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen  
Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Brandon Gillette      Sound: Shane Schenkel  
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest      Welcome Table: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Peace Mennonite Church  
American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Gilbert Foster/Growing Healthy Churches, pastoral and  
church leadership support organization  
International Ministries Missionaries: Hermelinda & Jorge Damasceno, serving in the United Kingdom

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.  
The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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| Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant — matt@firstbaptistlawrence.com | Senior Pastor                                   |
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