



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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When you look with my eyes then you will see/ that the wrong you have done and the good left undone,/ the words you have said that should not have been spoken/ the words you should have spoken but left unsaid/ the hurts you have caused/ the help you've not given/ are not the whole of the story of you.

- Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu

Gathering Music

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"Pastorale, from Twenty-Four Pieces for Children"

by Victor Kosenko, c. 1936; courtesy of The Classical Music Sheets Library Project

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Chad Johnston

Leader: Come in, come in, there's room for us all.

People: Fifty-year members and first time visitors, we come.

Leader: Wherever you have been, and whatever you've been doing, come.

People: We come, some who have a lifetime of service and some who are eager to begin.

Leader: Come in to God's kingdom where there is enough for everyone.

People: First and last, last and first, we come.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 463)

"From Every Race, from Every Clime"

ST. PETER

* 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. 2)

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

TRUST IN JESUS

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;

Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!"

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

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Loving God, you are endlessly generous, giving to all according to your love. We confess that we are envious of your generosity because we want you to follow our understanding of what is fair even if it clashes with your vision of what is right. We begrudge others the daily bread we think they did not earn. We confess that we see people in terms of what they can contribute, rather than seeing them as made in your image and beloved. And we admit that we worry that new people and new ideas will eclipse the hard work we have done for years, leaving us behind, and so in our fear we disparage the newcomers as unworthy, insisting our traditions should have pride of place. Forgive us, O God, and let your forgiveness turn us around, so we might recognize the gifts of those who join us in your work.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Christ's love extends to all. May the Lord of forgiveness make us generous responders to abundant grace!

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

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Softly and Tenderly/Lord, I'm Coming Home"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew 20.1-16

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Kingdom Scorekeeping"

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Call to Communion

"The Master's Table"

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

Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread and Cup

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* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 274)

"As Grain on Scattered Hillsides"
MERLE'S TUNE

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Rock of Ages"
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Please leave the sanctuary in quiet reflection and greet one another in the narthex.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Chad Johnston

Piano/Organ substitute: Dr. Christy Miller Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brandon Gillette, Brenda Schenkel Sound: Glenn Prescott

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston Welcome Table: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: North Lawrence Christian Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Courtney Davis Olds, serving ABC churches in Rhode Island

International Ministries Missionaries: Sarah & Dan Chetti, serving in Lebanon

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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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