



*"Render Unto Caesar" by J. Kirk Richards*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 3, 2024  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*To those who are able to see the kingdom of God as being beyond Caesar's territory, Jesus puts the imperial claim to rule in perspective: Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, but remember who owns the world.*

— Min-Ah Cho

Gathering Music

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“A Way to Calvary Leadeth”

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\* Call to Worship

John Pauls

Leader: The world belongs to God.

**People: The people belong to God.**

*All: The community belongs to God.*

Leader: Everything—even the things we think are ours—belongs to God.

**People: And all of it is precious to God.**

Leader: Let us praise God.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 303)

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”  
HOLY MANNA

\* 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 (CONGR 461 v.3)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”  
BREAK BREAD

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“Communion Anthem”

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

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

## Unison Discipline of Confession

**Creator God, you formed us in your image, and you call us to give ourselves to your kingdom. We confess that we too often give ourselves to other ways of life instead. We want to believe that all we have is ours, forgetting that we are responsible for what belongs to you. Forgive us, God, for trying to fit other things into the place you claim for yourself. Forgive us for reflecting other images rather than yours. Make us honest with ourselves, take away our defensiveness, and help us see how we can choose your way instead.**

## Discipline of Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, that is how far the LORD removes our transgressions from us. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

### 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

### Call to Stewardship (CONGR 672)

**"All Things Are Yours"**  
GERMANY

### Moment for Mission

**Rev. Cristina Adams**

### Sentences of Stewardship

**John Pauls**

### Offertory

**"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"**

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### \* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

### \* Gospel Reading

**Rev. Cristina Adams**  
**Mark 12.13-17**

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

**Rev. Cristina Adams**  
**"Money Talks"**

## CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

### Call to Communion (CONGR 461 v.1-2)

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**  
BREAK BREAD

### Invitation to the Table

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## Celebration of the Bread and Cup

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

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\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 612)

“Jesus Is All the World to Me”

ELIZABETH

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Largo”

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### TODAY IN WORSHIP

*Liturgist: John Pauls*

*Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson*

*Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen*

*Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Joanna Gillette • Sound: Chad Johnston*

*YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill*

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Local Church: Southside Church of Christ*

*American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Minister & Senior Regional Pastor Rev. Miriam Méndez,  
serving churches in New Jersey*

*International Ministries Global Servants: Larry & Rebecca Stanton, global servants in Hungary*

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