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AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 3, 2026  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*God invites us into fellowship. God does not invite just me, or you, but God invites all into community with God and with one another. If I walk alone, then I walk in darkness, but when we walk together with God, we walk in a light of joy and fellowship.*

– Debra Carl Freeman

Gathering Music

“To God Be the Glory”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“Sonata”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Liturgist  
Psalm 31

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

**People: Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me.

**People: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 222)

“Thine Is the Glory”  
MACCABEUS

\* 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!**

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 206 v1)

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”  
W ZLOBIE LEZY, alt.

\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
John 3.17–21

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Response to the Gospel

“One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”  
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Children’s Sermon

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

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Litany of Affirmation

Leader: Come to Christ, the living stone, chosen and precious in God's sight.

**People: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Leader: Like living stones, be built yourselves into a spiritual house.

**People: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Leader: Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**People: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Leader: Declare the wonderful deeds of Christ who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**People: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Leader: Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

**People: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Morning Prayer and the 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

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

I John 1.1-9

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"The Movement Continues: Fellowship with One Another"

Hymn of Response (CONGR 440)

"Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

GIFT OF LOVE

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread

"Communion Meditation"

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Celebration of the Cup

“Communion in Christ”  
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\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 467)

“We Are One in Christ”  
THAXTED

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

“Little Fugue in F”  
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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Liturgist: TBD

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen • Choir Anthem Trumpeter: Scott Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Carson Stoops, Scott Lamb • Sound: Jim Lord

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Ninth Street Missionary Baptist Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. TaNikka Sheppard,  
serving the American Baptist Churches of the Cleveland Baptist Association

International Ministries Global Servants: Ketly & Vital Pierre, serving in the Dominican Republic

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