

The First Baptist Church at Worship

2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday

January 19, 2020

10:00 AM

The Gathering

OPENING MEDITATION

“On some positions cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience asks the question, is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right.”

~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Congregation is invited to meditate and contemplate during the Prelude.

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Partita on “Lobt Gott, ihr Christen” Johann Walther

Chorale Preludes on “Christ unser Herr zu Jordan kam” Johann Pachelbel and Marcel Dupré

In Praise to the Lord

ACOLYTES BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY TO LIGHT THE CANDLES

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Adore Him Adeste Fideles

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Coggins

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#638 Lift Every Voice and Sing LIFT EVERY VOICE

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington, the founder of Tuskegee Institute, spoke on Lincoln’s birthday in 1900, this text and tune by brothers James and Rosamond Johnson have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek peace and liberation from oppression. To many African Americans this hymn is sometimes referred to as “The Negro National Anthem” and was recognized as such during the middle of the 20th century by the N.A.A.C.P., the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People. First Baptist of Dayton let us raise our voices in song this morning as we celebrate peace and the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with congregation throughout the city of Dayton and the United States of America in recognition of this National Holiday. After all, we are Dayton Strong.

\*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Coggins

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#705 Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

\*WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

(Please register your attendance by filling out a yellow card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag later in the service.)

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand, and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Mary Anne Chadbourne

Isaiah 1:10-17

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers, I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;

cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

John 1:29-37: The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#241 Sweet, Sweet Spirit MANNA

One of the most notable "Spirit Songs" of the twentieth century is There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place by African American gospel songwriter Doris Mae Akers (1923-1995). Born in Brookfield, Missouri, Ms. Akers connected with some of the most important gospel songwriters of her era until her death in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sweet, Sweet Spirit expresses in simple, heartfelt language the work of the Holy Spirit as it works in the life of the church. It is a fitting hymn for any Sunday where God’s people gather to worship to celebrate peace, sister and brotherhood, love, racial equality, acceptance, and togetherness.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Ray Landis

(Following the message, children in preK-5 grades will be led downstairs for Sunday School. PreK-1 graders will be in Rm. #4. Grades 2-5 will be in Rm. #3B. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#399 (v.1) O Lord, Hear My Prayer Taizé Community

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

PASTORAL PRAYER and

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Come to the Water ..... John Foley, SJ

O let all who thirst; let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let

them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife, why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary let them come to the Lord; all who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord; bring the children without might. Easy the Lord and light; come to the Lord.

THE SERMON Rev. Alspaugh

*“Following the Lamb of God”*

### Responding to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE) Rev. Alspaugh

Learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

*(Isaiah 1.17f.)*

Lord, we have got it wrong.  
We thought you just wanted our worship:  
songs of praise and prayers of passion.  
But you want the whole of our lives:  
a worldly worship of acting justly and living compassionately.  
You look inside and ask us who we are and what we want.

**Forgive us our sins, we pray  
challenge us where we are unjust,  
disturb us when we don't care  
and transform our selfishness  
through the love of your Son  
and the life-giving power of your Spirit.**

*(from Gathering for Worship)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

While it is true that we have sinned,  
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven  
through God's love in Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

*(adapted from Chalice Worship)*

THE OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

Lamb of God ..... Twila Paris

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, But you have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died: The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. I was so lost I should have died, But you have brought me to Your side to be led by Your staff and rod,*

*And to be called the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706 *Praise God...*  
OLD 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Mary Anne Chadbourne

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Alspaugh

(Persons wishing to make known a decision to follow Christ as Lord or to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by transfer of letter, statement of faith, or baptism. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

*ACOLYTES ENTER ON LAST VERSE OF HYMN*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (SEE INSERT) *We Shall Overcome*  
WE SHALL OVERCOME

This hymn (text and tune) is frequently cited as a source or antecedent of the folk song or spiritual, "We shall overcome", which became prominent as an anthem of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. *I'll overcome someday, if my Jesus will, I do believe, I'll overcome someday.* Maestro John Morris Russell and the Cincinnati Pops often perform arrangements of this hymn and credits Cincinnati native Louise Shropshire with its origin.

*ACOLYTES EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT AND LEAD THE PASTORS OUT,  
SYMBOLICALLY CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD*

\*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Alspaugh

\*BENEDICTION #512 *We Go In Peace*  
EDWARDS

**We go in peace, we go in love, we go with grace and mercy from  
the Lord above to tell the world this very thing:  
that Jesus Christ is Lord and King.  
Jesus Christ is Lord and King!**

\*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

Hornpipe (*Water Music*) ..... G. F. Handel



**LAST CALL FOR RSVPs FOR THE  
Congregational Potluck Dinner and  
2020 Budget Presentation  
Sunday, Jan. 26 after Worship**

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JANUARY 19, 2020



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers  
in Jesus Christ through worship, education,  
fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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