

The First Baptist Church at Worship
Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

10:00 AM

The Gathering

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

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Sonatina from "God's Time Is Best"
J. S. Bach

Three Liturgical Preludes; Le Prie-Dieu
George Oldroyd

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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory, v.1

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time:
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Coggins

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#349 *To God Be the Glory*
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

This text is unique from Crosby's other hymns because, rather than focus on our experience of God, the words are wholly about God and His perfect glory. In a sense, the hymn perfectly displaces us, removing us from the pedestal on which we so often place ourselves. This displacement is one of the great paradoxes of the Christian faith. It feels very natural for us to seek attention, approval, and our own glory. We like to be in control and present our own image to the world, an image we seek to improve through any means possible. On the other hand, there is great comfort in knowing that the image we try to make for ourselves doesn't matter. We are made in the image of God, which means that whatever we do has to bring Him and Him alone glory. Our lives are wrapped up in God, and so too are the mistakes we make, the wounds we inflict, and all of our shortcomings. These are the things we try to avoid while we maintain control of our lives. But what a joy and a comfort to know that though these things may happen, because God is ultimately in control, and because our own image does not matter, God is still glorified. While we should still try to live a holy and upright life, we should do so to bring God glory, not ourselves. What a beautiful freedom that is.

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Coggins

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#436 *Seek Ye First*
LAFFERTY

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you; Alleluia, alleluia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Alleluia, alleluia!**

*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.)

BLESSING OF MARCH BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON

Jerome Stueart

Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.
People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

John 3:1-17: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have

told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

#619 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*
ASSURANCE

Ira Sankey, a good friend of the hymn author Fanny Crosby, once related this story about the comfort the powerful hymn can provide. *During the recent war in the Transvaal, said a gentleman at my meeting in Exeter Hall, London, in 1900, when the soldiers going to the front were passing another company whom they recognized, their greetings used to be, Four-nine-four, boys; four-nine-four; and the salute would invariably be answered with Six further on, boys; six further on.* The significance of this was that, in a hymnal of Sacred Songs and Solos, a number of copies of the small edition of which had been sent to the front, number 494 was *God be with you till we meet again*; and six further on than 494, or number 500, was *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine*. From the very day she wrote them, Crosby's words have provided comfort for millions of Christians in the face of fear, persecution, sorrow, and doubt. In spite of all the trials that may come, we know that we serve a Savior who came to bring the Kingdom of God on earth, and as we serve Him, we participate in, and belong to, that Kingdom. We each play our own part in that "glorious foretaste" of what is still to come. We belong to Christ and his Kingdom – what an assurance this is!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(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 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

**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.**

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
all my hope comes from God.**

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You Jay Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love. No other blessings do I need but those from you above. Lord I ask you give me faith, and help me understand. And, Lord when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand. Lord, I stretch my hands to you, no other help I know, if you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh Lord, I stretch my hands to you.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“The World Might Be Saved”

Responding to God

THE OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

My Lord’s Gettin’ Us Ready for That Great Day arr. Uzee Brown

My Lord’s gettin’ us ready for that great day, yes, my Lord’s gettin’ us ready for that great day. My Lord’s gettin’ us ready for that great day. Tell me who shall be able to stand? Sinners will be runnin’ on that great day. Christians will be shoutin’ on that great day.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706 Praise God ... OLD 100TH, alt.

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 Jerome Stueart

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Dr. Berghuis

(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 #406 Jesus, Lover of My Soul ABERYSTWYTH

Originally published under the title *In Temptation*, this hymn has as its theme the sufficiency of Christ to give comfort, power, and grace in any circumstance. It is a plea that Jesus will provide sanctuary to the tempted because there is no other refuge. Christ is declared to be the sole desire of the Christian, who is undeserving while Christ’s grace is declared sufficient to cleanse the Christian from all vile sins.

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

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*BENEDICTION #517 (v.1) Go Forth for God Genevan Psalter, C. Winfred Douglas

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, In God’s good Spirit daily to increase, Till in the kingdom we see face to face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

Psalm XX Benedetto Marcello

(*) You’re invited to rise in body or in spirit!



Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you’d like to add or remove, please let us know.)

- Sharon Appelt Florida Dixon Ron Petry
Arrasmith Family Jim Earnest Ron Pipenger
Kenneth Barger Lavanda Ferguson Susan Reichard
Rebecca Bauer Ken Gordon Judy See
Marlen Berghuis Bev Harrell Judy Smith
Jessica Blair Linda Haskin Soloski Family
Don Brown Barbara Jett Emily Taylor
Jessica Brown Judy Kelly Pete Thomson
Robert Brown Lenore Kimbrough Torrey Thrash
Robert Caldwell Anna Frances Lasley Veghte Family
Lynn Chadbourne Vincent Liss Sara Vice
Sydney Chadbourne Tim Meador Peggie Worthey
Tami Malone Charles Arthur Merkle Military Duty:
Andy Collier Lois Miles Sebastian Ewald
Marilyn Craig Mary Ann Paloncy Brittany Kalbfleisch
Pamela Cress Rose Peacock Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

March ABC/USA Offering

AMERICA FOR CHRIST 2020

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” –Mt. 22:39

The contributions made to the America for Christ Offering minister to families who have lost homes to floods, to children living lives of limitation in poverty, to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, and many more. AFC 2020 empowers local and national efforts to “love our neighbor.” Please give generously to this month’s AFC Offering. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

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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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