

The First Baptist Church at Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

10:00 AM

The Gathering

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

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Two movements from *The Way of the Cross* Marcel Dupré
"Jesus meets his mother" and
"Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem"

Adagio in a minor J. S. Bach

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

Be Still and Know
Jack Schrader

*Be still and know that I am God. The Lord Almighty is our God.
The God of Jacob is our rock.*

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis, Leader

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my
groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide
my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to
the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**People: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall
not reach them.**

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from
trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**People: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and
shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

--Psalm 32 (1-7,11)

*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. We should honor Him the most.

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#705 *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

*WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. 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.)

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

*GOSPEL LESSON

Gina Greenwood

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32: Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent

him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#618 *Love Lifted Me*
SAFETY

Author James Rowe was born in England, the son of a copper miner. He immigrated to the United States from Ireland in 1889. He was a railroad worker for ten years in New York before becoming an inspector for the Hudson River Humane Society. Rowe went on to work for several music publishers. Composer Howard E. Smith was a church musician and organist in Connecticut. *Love Lifted Me* was written and published in 1912. The hymn gained popularity among United Methodists and congregations throughout the country.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Debby Menzel

(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

#413 (v.1) *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
REST (ELTON)

Dear Lord and God of humankind,
 forgive our foolish ways;
 reclothe us in our rightful mind;
 in purer lives Thy service find,
 in deeper reverence, praise.

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. David Coggins

Janet M. West

May 8, 1930 – March 20, 2019

PASTORAL PRAYER and
 THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Thy Will Be Done Joyce Elaine Eilers

Sometimes the load is heavy and sometimes the road is long. And sometimes Lord this heart of mine is not so very strong. But Thy will be done Lord, Thy will be done. For I do not ask you to take this cup from me. I only ask your guidance o'er paths I cannot see. And Thy will be done Lord. Thy will be done. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and the power and the Glory forever. Amen. Now Lord, I feel you near me, I feel your guiding power and know you're standing by me through every passing hour. And thy will be done Lord. Thy will be done.

THE SERMON

Rev. Coggins

"Family Matters"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY

William Henry Caldwell, Soloist

The Penitent Beardsley Van de Water

*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

Gina Greenwood

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 (SEE INSERT)

My Song Is Love Unknown
 LOVE UNKNOWN

The hymn tune to which it is usually sung is called *Love Unknown* by John Ireland. Ireland composed the melody over lunch one day at the suggestion of organist and fellow-composer Geoffrey Shaw. The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion and the text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th century tune.

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

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Let the Church Say Amen
 Andre Crouch

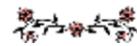
**Let the church say Amen, God has spoken,
 let the church say Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

"We thank thee, Lord Jesus Christ" J. S. Bach

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



The flowers are given today in loving memory of Janet West.

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.)

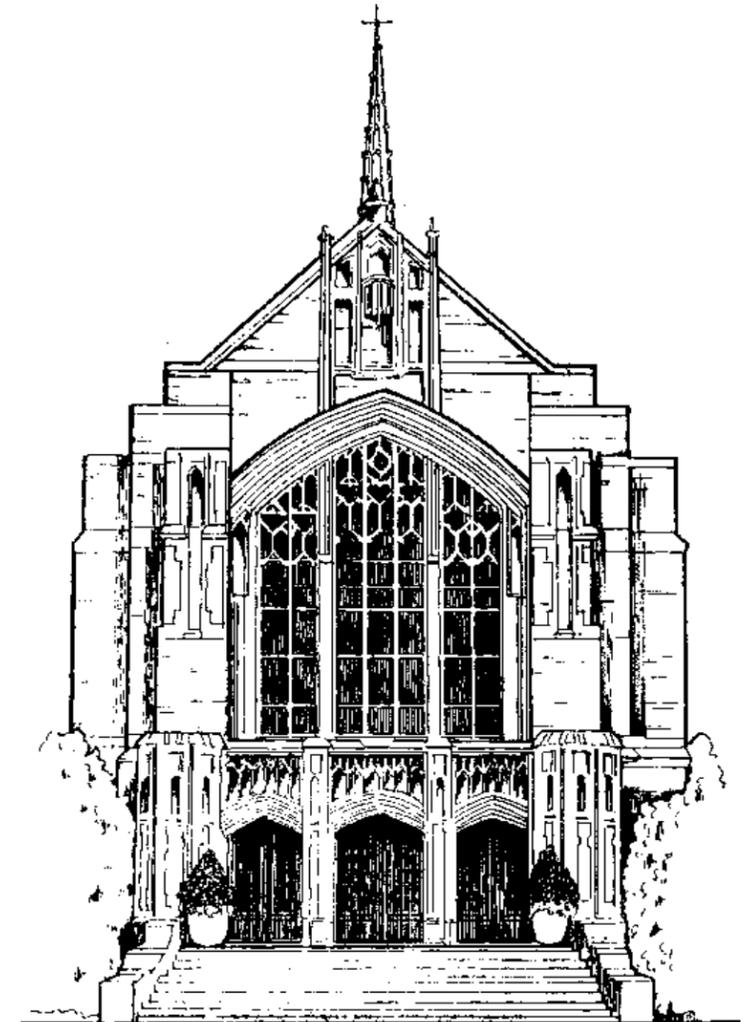
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| Sharon Appelt | Lavanda Ferguson | Susan Reichard |
| Glen & Barbara Babb | Gough Family | Nestor Suro Rogas |
| Kenneth Barger | Bev Harrell | Judy See |
| Marlen Berghuis | Linda Haskin | Helen Sutton |
| Jessica Blair | Ron Hawkins | Torrey Thrash |
| Don Brown | Rosalie Hoffman | Arthur Tiffner |
| Jessica Brown | Barbara Jett | Jim & Anne Veghte |
| Robert Brown | Doris Landis | West Family |
| Lynn Chadbourne | Anna Frances Lasley | Dr. Williams Family |
| Tami Malone Charles | Vincent Liss | Judy Williams |
| Andy Collier | Tim Meador | Warren Williams |
| Marilyn Craig | Arthur Merkle | Peggie Worthey |
| Pamela Cress | Mary Ann Paloncy | Military Duty: |
| Florida Dixon | Rose Peacock | Sebastian Ewald |
| Bill Earnest | Ron Petry | Brittany Kalbfleisch |
| Jim Earnest | Brad Pipenger | Andy Wilson |

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

First Baptist Church of Dayton

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 31, 2019



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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