

First Baptist Church at Worship

February 25, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Second Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Greeting

Paul Sims

Gathering Song

by John Bell

*Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in Me?
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?
Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?*



Call to Worship

Jefferson Calico

In the presence of God whose amazing love surrounds us,

we give thanks for the love and grace of God.

*In the presence of Christ whose teaching, healing, serving and dying
reveal the amazing grace of God,*

we give thanks for the love and grace of God.

*In the presence of the Spirit who stirs within us and among us
to make God's love and grace real to us,*

we give thanks for the love and grace of God.

We humbly receive God's love and grace,

and we seek to return to God our love and our lives.

+Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

God of steadfast love, we confess to You our unworthiness of Your love.

*Instead of sacrificing, we promote ourselves. Instead of giving, we hoard
our blessings. Too often we claim our faith in Christ as a badge to be worn
instead of a cross to bear, avoiding the costly acts that show Your grace.*

Have mercy on us, O God. Teach us to follow in the path of Christ.

***Through Your Spirit, give us grace to serve our neighbors as ourselves
and to glorify You through faith in Jesus Christ.***

+Response

LYONS

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:

Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

- Robert Grant

The Word

Children's Sermon

Larry Gray

Psalm 22

AZMON

I come with praise before the Lord, release me from all strife;

The poor will feast at tables full and find eternal life.

The mighty on their knees will bow; as mortals, they discern

That, as from dust God gave them breath, to dust they shall return.

Descendants of the coming years who walk the paths well-trod

Will sing to children yet unborn the mighty acts of God.

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 251

I Will Be Your God

LLANFYLLIN

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 8:31-38

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Responding

+Hymn 491

Wherever He Leads, I'll Go

FALLS CREEK

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Nancy Rich

Loose change received in February will benefit our church's White Flag Ministry.

Offertory Anthem

The Servant Song

setting by David Schwoebel

If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all, be the servant of all.

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road,

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,

Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all, be the servant of all.

- David Gillard

Prayers of the People

Paul Sims

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending

+The Peace

Paul Sims

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

by Wendell Whalum

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime;*
2. *I'm gonna work so God can use me,*
3. *I'm gonna pray so God can use me,*
4. *I'm gonna sing so God can use me,*

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Jefferson Calico

Organ Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

setting by Paul Manz

... songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee...

- William Williams

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

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White Flag Ministry

by

Dave and Pat Huff