

# First Baptist Church at Worship

March 18, 2018  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

by Margaret Douroux



Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee. Lord, fix my heart — so that  
I — may be used — by Thee. For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless -  
ings. Give me a clean heart, — and I'll fol - low Thee. —

*I'm not asking for the riches of the land. I'm not asking for the proud to know my name.  
Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow Thee.  
Give me a clean heart, and I'll follow Thee. REFRAIN*

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

*We have come to this hour to glorify God,  
to sing the praises of the Most High.*

***We gather for the cleansing of our hearts  
and the awakening of our spirits.***

*May God write the law of love on our hearts  
and restore in us the joy of salvation.*

***We seek deliverance from temptation and guilt,  
and forgiveness for all our sin.***

*Let us enter into covenant obedience,  
even if faithfulness leads to a cross.*

***We want to lift our voices  
and renew our vows to be God's people.***

+Hymn 477

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

+Confession and Assurance

Paul Sims

*God of all creation, we know that unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains a single grain. We want to sprout, to grow, to produce an abundant harvest for You. Yet we are afraid to leave behind our comfort, our illusions of control, and our privilege so that we might receive the transformation that You offer.*

***Forgive our fear and lead us in Your ways,  
that we might bear good fruit and tend to Your harvest of justice,  
kindness, mercy, and love, all for the sake of Your name.***

+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 51

Paul Sims

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

***Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.***

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

***Against You alone have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight.***

*Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.*

***You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.***

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

***Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that You have crushed rejoice.***

*Hide Your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.*

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.***

*Do not cast me away from Your presence;  
do not take Your holy spirit from me.*

***Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.***

Response

please see Gathering Song

by Margaret Douroux

A Reading from the Epistles: Hebrews 5:5-10

Austin Carty

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 350

*Blessed Be the Name*

BLESSED NAME

A Reading from the Gospels: John 12:20-33

Paul Sims

*The Gospel of our Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Sermon

“I Have Glorified It, and I Will Glorify It Again”

Austin Carty

## *Responding*

+Hymn

*Dear Christ, Uplifted from the Earth*

AZMON

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.

***Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth, Your arms stretched out above***

***Through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.***

***Still east and west Your love extends and always, near and far,***

***You call and claim us as Your friends and love us as we are.***

***Where age and gender, class and race, divide us to our shame,***

***You see a person and a face, a neighbor with a name.***

***May we, accepted as we are, yet called in grace to grow,***

***Reach out to others, near and far, Your healing love to show.***

- Brian Wren

+Offertory Prayer

Sabrina Smith

Loose change received in March will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden.

Offertory Anthem

*God So Loved the World*

by Thomas Keesecker

*God so loved the world, he gave his only Son.*

*A Son to shine in our darkness, a light to cast out despair.*

*He comes to take away evil, and in his light we have life!*

*And everyone who believes will have eternal life.*

*Lord, lifted up, we come to You with wonder, thanks, and praise.*

*Thank you, Lord, for Your steadfast love. Let all who seek You rejoice.*

*Deliver us from distress and lead us forth in joy.*

*Do not live in fear. Called to life, arise!*

*Turn away from sin. Oh come, Lord, enter in.*

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

Austin Carty

*Paul says the fruit of the Spirit is  
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Goodness,  
Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. May we live by the Spirit. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

setting by Dale Wood

*In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north:  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

- John Oxenham

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist      Ann Hacker, Pianist

*The sanctuary flowers are placed in honor of my mother, Virginia Hawkins,  
and in memory of my father, Jim Hawkins, by Marsha and Danny Barnett.*