

First Baptist Church at Worship

April 2, 2017
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Assemble in God's Name

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

PRECIOUS LORD

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.***

- Thomas A. Dorsey

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*From the deepest places in our lives we cry to God.
God, hear my voice; do not be far from me.
Let us not forget God's steadfast love and God's power to redeem.
We wait for God, and in God's word we find hope.*

+Hymn 418

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*Out of the depths we cry to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our cry!
If You should mark iniquities, who could stand?
**Our sins have crippled us, bound us, buried us –
they cut us off from You, who is life itself.**
But there is forgiveness with You.
With You is great power to redeem.
Open our hearts and call us to You,
that we may live in the full knowledge of Your power and steadfast love.*

+Response

FAITHFULNESS

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- Thomas O. Chisholm

Proclaim God's Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalms 130

setting by Hal Hopson



Out of the depths I call to You, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive; Lord, hear my plea.

Should You, O Lord, remember all our sins, Lord, who could stand?

But with You we are forgiven; for this we worship You.

My soul waits for You, O Lord; in Your word I hope.

My soul waits for You, O Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

May Israel wait for You, O Lord, for with You there is mercy.

With You there is full salvation; You will redeem Israel for all its sins. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 8:6-11

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: John 11:17-44

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Martha, Mary, Waiting, Weeping

BEACH SPRING

*Martha, Mary, waiting, weeping, bowed beneath the weight of gloom,
Kept their watch where Lazarus, sleeping, lay within a rock sealed tomb.
Jesus, late in coming, met them, shed with them compassion's tear.
Martha, sore with sorrow, charged him, "He'd have lived had You been here!"
Jesus spoke to Martha's grieving, "Resurrection, Life, am I!
All who hear my word, believing, live with me, although they die."
Then to Lazarus' tomb he led them, called their brother forth by name.
Living, loving, hope exceeding, freed from death, to Christ he came.
Jesus, resurrected, giving life to all You name Your own:
Help us know in hours of grieving we have not been left alone.
Come, when doubt and fear assail us; join our journey toward the grave.
There Your mercy will not fail us; there You speak with power to save.*

- Herman Stuempfle, Jr.

Sermon

"The Human Face of God"

Austin Carty

Give Thanks to God

+Hymn 332

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

please omit stanza 4

The Celebration of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Austin Carty and Alex Lockridge

Breaking the Bread

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

setting by David Maxwell

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.*

- Isaac Watts

Sharing the Cup

Meditation on PASSION CHORALE

setting by David Maxwell

*What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.*

- Paul Gerhardt

+The Peace

Paul Sims

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

+Hymn 620

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

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

Sabrina Smith

Loose change received in April will support the work of CBF Field Personnel Scarlette Jasper, who works in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky through Olive Branch Ministries and Together for Hope.

Offertory Anthem

Hear My Words

by Stephen Paulus

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God; I will make my prayer to Thee.
With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
And, expectant, I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.
Thou art holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.*

- from Psalm 5

+Doxology for Lent

OLD HUNDREDETH

*Praise God, the Source of life and birth. Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame. All glory to God's holy name! Amen.*

Go in God's Name

+Commission

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

setting by Paul Manz

+all who are able may stand
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Gayle Majors, Organist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Vernon and Laverna Asbridge*

*by
Phyllis Hopper*