First Baptist Church at Worship

March 19, 2017 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Third Sunday in Lent

Assemble in God's Name

Greeting Austin Carty

Gathering Song

JACOB'S WELL







Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water,

Choosing broken cups that cannot be filled? REFRAIN

For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us

To the wellsprings of the water of life. **REFRAIN**

All who come may take this gift of living water.

They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled. REFRAIN

- Alexander Peters; from Isaiah 55, Jeremiah 2, Revelation 7, and John 4

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Come, people of God, to know again who you are; return to the One who gives you life.

We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.

Come, all who are thirsty for living water.

Open yourselves to the One who supplies it.

We come, our souls thirsting for God, our spirits longing for love.

Gather as people of faith, embracing renewal,

eager for reconciliation with God and humankind.

We come to the One who knows us as we are, yet still loves us.

Let us worship God.

+Confession and Assurance

Paul Sims

+Response NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise:
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

- Robert Robinson

Proclaim God's Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 95 setting by David Haas





Come, sing out your joy to the Lord, hail the Rock who saves us,

Let us come now before God; with songs let us hail the Lord. REFRAIN

Come, let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before God who made us,

For this is our God; we God's people, the flock that is led by God's hand. **REFRAIN** O that today you would hear God's voice, "Harden not your hearts, as on that day in the desert, when your parents put me to the test." **REFRAIN**

A Reading from the Gospels: John 4:5-42

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Water that Satisfies, Food that Sustains"

Austin Carty

When, like the woman at the well, I lived with broken dreams,

Christ came to me, good news to tell, of everlasting streams.

Christ knew my heart, my wayward ways, yet gave me hope, not fear.

The God I once thought far away, I could approach, draw near.

I learned I could forever live and worship God aright,

Could trust the pow'r the Spirit gives to guide me in truth's light.

Each day I lift my cup above, and I again receive

The living water of God's love, revealed for my belief.

- Edith Sinclair Downing

Give Thanks to God

The Celebration of Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Austin Carty and Alex Lockridge

Breaking the Bread; Blessing the Cup

The Communion of the People

please come forward by way of a center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, then partake of the bread and wine; please return to your pew by way of a window aisle and be seated.

music during communion:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

setting by John Ferguson





As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,

So when You call Your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. **REFRAIN**

With joyful lips we sing to You our praise and gratitude

That You should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. REFRAIN

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?

Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? REFRAIN

The mystery of Your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:

Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. REFRAIN

You give Yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,

To serve each other in Your name in truth and charity. REFRAIN

- Omer Westendorf

Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that could not satisfy;

And then I heard my Savior speaking: "Draw from My well that never shall run dry." **REFRAIN**There are millions in this world who are craving the pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord. **REFRAIN**



Fill my cup, Lord I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul; Bread of



Faith Story Larry Gray

+Hymn 33

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

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

Jeff Tipton

Loose change received in March will support the work of The Everlasting Arm homeless shelter.

Organ Offertory

Jesus Is Lord of All

setting by Anne A. Davis

text is that of hymn 431

+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

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

setting by Anna Laura Page

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of my mother, Virginia Hawkins and in memory of my father, Jim Hawkins by Marsha and Danny Barnett