

First Baptist Church at Worship

March 26, 2017
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

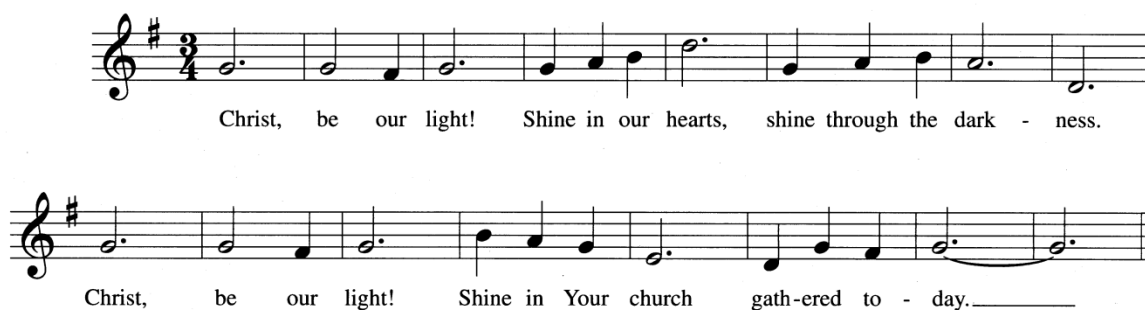
Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

by Bernadette Farrell



Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You.

*Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see. **REFRAIN***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

*Your word alone has power to save us. Make us Your living voice. **REFRAIN***

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

*Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come. **REFRAIN***

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Once we lived in darkness;

now, in the Lord, we are light.

Jesus said: I am the Light of the world.

Let us live as children of the light.

+Hymn 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

+Confession and Forgiveness

Paul Sims

*... so let us live as those who are forgiven, those who are called to be children of light. **Amen.***

+Act of Praise

NETTLETON

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
Praise the one true Love Incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that the world may know God's grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.*
- Rusty Edwards (alt.)

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 23

setting by Allen Pote

sung by The Sanctuary Choir; Donna Davis, accompanist

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life. Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and staff will comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever.

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 5:8-14

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 156

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE

A Reading from the Gospels: John 9:1-41

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Was Blind but Now I See”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 587

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

stanza 1 – all in unison; stanza 2 – solo; stanza 3 – all in unison; stanza 4 – solo; stanza 5 – all in unison

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

Hannah Morton

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

Offertory

The Light of the World Is Jesus

by Philip P. Bliss

*The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin; **the Light of the world is Jesus;***

*Like sunshine at noonday his glory shone in; **the Light of the world is Jesus;** REFRAIN*

*No darkness have we who in Jesus abide; **the Light of the world is Jesus;***

*We walk in the light when we follow our guide; **the Light of the world is Jesus;** REFRAIN*



Come to the Light, 'tis shin-ing for thee; sweet-ly the Light has dawned up-on me,



Once I was blind, but now I can see: The Light of the world is Je - sus.

Faith Story

Alice Tremaine

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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 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.

Sending

+Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

by Wendell Whalum



I'm gonna work I'm gonna pray I'm gonna sing

- 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

God of Grace and God of Glory

setting by Paul Manz

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

Carolyn Garr, soloist

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by

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