

First Baptist Church at Worship

March 4, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Third Sunday in Lent

The Community Gathers before God

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

O STORE GUD

*O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: REFRAIN

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. REFRAIN

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" REFRAIN

- Stuart Hine

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

God invites us to see the presence of the Holy in all the earth.

God calls us to find sacred signposts in our own lives.

God tells us: In my foolishness, find your wisdom.

In my weakness, find your strength.

God tells us: In my law, find freedom.

In my mercy, find justice.

God tells us: In dying, find life.

In endings, find new beginnings.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

+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 Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

Psalm 19

setting by Joe Cox



The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, the sky pro-claims all God's works.

The law of the Lord is perfect, the soul to revive.

The law of the Lord is trusted, making the simple wise. REFRAIN

The laws of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

Radiant are God's commands, giving light to the eyes. REFRAIN

The fear of the Lord is pure and forever endures,

Altogether righteous and altogether sure. REFRAIN

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

Be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and Redeemer.

A Reading from the Epistles: I Corinthians 1:18-25

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: John 2:13-22

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Foolish Wisdom”

Austin Carty

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Hymn 184

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Austin Carty and Paul Sims

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

... Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer You thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebration of Communion

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

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:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

settting 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.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

- Isaac Watts

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

NEAR THE CROSS

*Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.
**In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**
Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.
**In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.***

- Fanny Crosby

The Old Rugged Cross

OLD RUGGED CROSS

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.*

- George Bennard

+The Peace

Paul Sims

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

+Hymn 357

O Praise the Gracious Power

MARION

stanzas one through four

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

Sherry

Pace

Loose change received in March will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden

Offertory Anthem

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

setting by Gilbert Martin

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple where we call You, come, O Lord of hosts and stay;
Come, with all Your lovingkindness, hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction shed within these walls always.
Grant we pray, to all Your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory evermore with You to reign.*

*Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run. Amen, amen.*

- 7th century Latin hymn

+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.*

The Community Departs for Ministry

+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, Our Father, We Adore Thee

setting by Don Hustad

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist
Ann Hacker, Pianist

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DAMON HODGES
in commemoration of his birthday
by
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