

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

One: We thank you, gracious God.

You have loved us from the beginning of time and remembered us when we were in trouble.

Many: Your mercy endures forever.

One: We thank you, redeeming God.

You have come to us in Jesus Christ, who heals us and saves us from sin.

Many: Your mercy endures forever.

One: We thank you, Holy God.

You have sent us your spirit, to comfort us and lead us in the way of deep, lasting life.

Many: Your mercy endures forever.

All: Gracious, redeeming and holy God, glory and praise be yours, now and forever. Amen.

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Sonata, mvt. 3, Con moto
Sylvia Chow, violin

C. Callahan

****Please stand, as you are able.***

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Worship Leadership – FBC Ministry Staff

Ushers - Maxine Baptiste & Lingling Pabuaya

Readers - Tom Benson, Ruby Thielmann; Sound – Gordon Adnams

Music and words for the Gloria Patri, the Doxology and the Congregational Amen are found on the laminated sheet in the pew rack.

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH

Sixth
Sunday of
Easter



May 26, 2019

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Sonata, mvt. 2 Andante
Sylvia Chow, violin

C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Pilgrim's Hymn, 1st verse

S. Paulus

Words by M. D. Browne

*Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONALHYMN**

#477 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

BEACH SPRING

***INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess our sins to you Lord God, our Creator,
we have not cared for your creation.**

**We have polluted the oceans with sewage and plastic,
paved over rich farmland and spewed toxic gases into the air we
breathe, with little thought toward the generations to come.
Lord, have mercy.**

**We confess to you Christ, our Saviour,
we have put up dividing walls between us and others.
We have oppressed brothers and sisters through racism, sexism,
homophobia, colonialism, classism and other harmful practices.
We think less of those who differ from us in minor point of faith,
with little thought toward our witness before an unbelieving world.
Christ, have mercy.**

**We confess to you Holy Spirit, Empowering Presence,
we have ignored your leading.
We have replaced prayer with our own strategies and methods.
We have become cynical and no longer expect you to do great
things, with little thought toward the in-breaking of your kingdom.
Lord, have mercy.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. J. Guy Stalnaker

Traditional Spiritual

Refrain:

*There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole;
there is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend.*

*If you can't preach like Peter, If you can't pray like Paul;
just tell the love of Jesus, and say, he died for all.*

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3:21-25

Page 852, first half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#129 Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord
(at end of hymn, children up to Gr. 6 may come forward)

D. Evans

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Sonata, mvt. 1 Moderato
Sylvia Chow, violin

C. Callahan

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Gratitude

PRAYERS OF LAMENT (See insert)

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#630 Healer of Our Every Ill

M. Haugen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (See insert)

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Luke 9:1-11

Page 70, second half of the NRSV Bible

Response to reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

PRAYERS FOR HEALING (Sacraments of Water and Oil)

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#621 For the Healing of the Nations

REGENT SQUARE