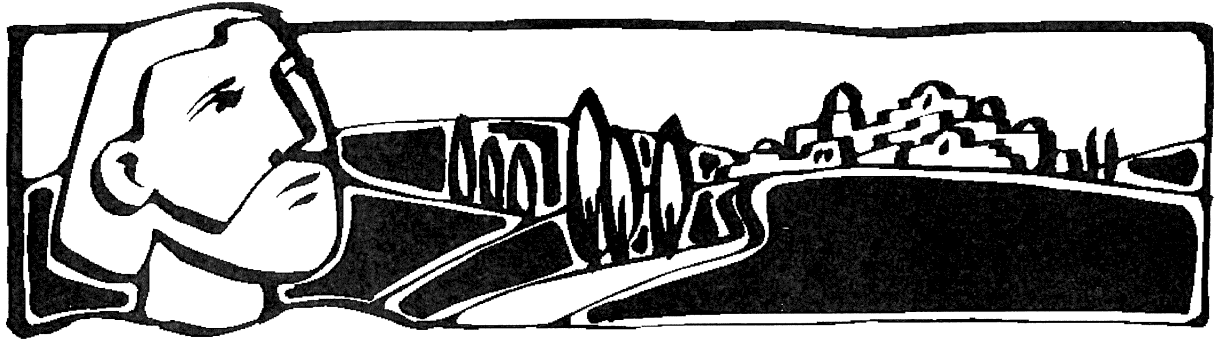


FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH

*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

March 12, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Third  
Sunday  
in Lent



**PRELUDE**

Prelude on AZMON

R. Lau

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#655 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

BEACH SPRING

*Unison* F B $\flat$   $\frac{B\flat}{C}$   $\frac{Gm7}{C}$  F

1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's peace;  
 2 In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our soul.  
 3 Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens— life's con - fu - sions, fears and pain.

F B $\flat$   $\frac{B\flat}{C}$   $\frac{Gm7}{C}$  F

from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.  
 From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole.  
 Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's reign.

Am7 Dm Am7 Dm  $\frac{Am}{C}$  B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$

Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied pace;  
 At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly fed.  
 Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he a - lone will sat - is - fy.

$\frac{C7}{G}$  F Fmaj7 B $\flat$   $\frac{B\flat}{C}$   $\frac{Gm7}{C}$  F

come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.  
 With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.  
 All our long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

## **\*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**

**Forgiving God, we come before you today.  
Forgive us when we hide in the shadows of our sin  
and try to hide and discount it.  
Forgive us for trying to forget and just move past it.  
You, God, meet us wherever we are,  
hiding in the shadow of ourselves  
or in our avoidance of accepting our wrong doing.  
Forgive us if we wait so long to confess  
that we have normalized our behaviour.  
Lord Jesus, just as you knew everything  
of the Samaritan woman at the well,  
so you also know us.  
Let us be as forthcoming with our wrongdoings  
as she was.  
Thank you for freeing us from the bondage of sin  
and letting us enjoy new life with you.  
Amen**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**#375 Lord, Have Mercy (Sing 3x)**

**J.M Talbot**

Unison

D Bm F#m Bm A G G/B

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

D G Bsus Bm Asus A D

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

WORDS and MUSIC: John Michael Talbot (20th c.)  
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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### PSALM and SUNG RESPONSE

Psalm 95

Page 608-609, 1st half of NRSV Bible

#### RESPONSIVE READING (based on Psalm 95)

One: Let us sing for joy to our Lord  
 and shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Many: Let us come before him with thanksgiving.**

One: In God's hands are the depths of the earth,  
 the mountain peaks, and the sea is his for he has made it.

**Many: Let us bow down in worship  
 before the Lord our maker.**

One: Today, if you hear his voice  
 do not harden your hearts against him.

**ALL: With open hearts,  
 come before him with thanksgiving and praise!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

N.C.  $\frac{A\flat}{C}$  Fm Eb Ab Db  $\frac{A\flat}{C}$  Db Eb Ab

1 I sing the al-might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known;

N.C.  $\frac{A\flat}{C}$  Fm. Eb Ab Db Fm Ebsus Eb Ab

that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.  
 he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.  
 and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;

Ab  $\frac{E\flat}{G}$  Ab Db Eb Ab  $\frac{E\flat}{G}$  Ab Db Eb

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
 while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

N.C.  $\frac{A\flat}{C}$  Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Ebsus Eb Ab

the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and ev - ery - where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

# CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#636 Heal me, Hands of Jesus

1 Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain;  
2 Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way;  
3 Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin;  
4 Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease

re - store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
let me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.  
dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
and heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

WORDS: Michael Perry (1942-1996)  
MUSIC: Herbert S. Irons (1834-1905), alt.

SOUTHWELL  
S.M.

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## SECOND TESTAMENT READING

John 4:5-30

Page 97-98, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## SERMON

Rev. Susan Hunter

# CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## Offertory

Ah, Holy Jesus

T. Chesterton

## \*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

M. Adria

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

## \*Prayer of Gratitude

## \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#615 Community of Christ

LEONI

N.C.  $\frac{Em}{G}$  B Em  $\frac{Am}{C}$  B Em  $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  Am7 D G

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,  
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door  
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—  
4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{F\#\dim}{A}$  G C  $\frac{G}{B}$  D7 Em Am7  $\frac{G}{D}$  D G

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:  
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.  
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:  
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;

G  $\frac{G}{B}$  C#m7(b5) D  $\frac{G}{B}$  C G Am7 Bsus B

the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,  
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,  
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,  
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

B  $\frac{Em}{G}$  B Em D G  $\frac{Am7}{C}$  Am  $\frac{Em}{G}$   $\frac{Em}{B}$  B Em

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.  
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.  
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.  
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931- )  
 MUSIC: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Lyon (1751-1797)  
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**\*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**

**\*Congregational Amen**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Recessional on "In Christ Alone"

B. Culli



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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Rose Merke;

Prayers of the People - Anne Bellamy;

Scripture Reading - Warren Tasker, Gwen Borowski;

Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

