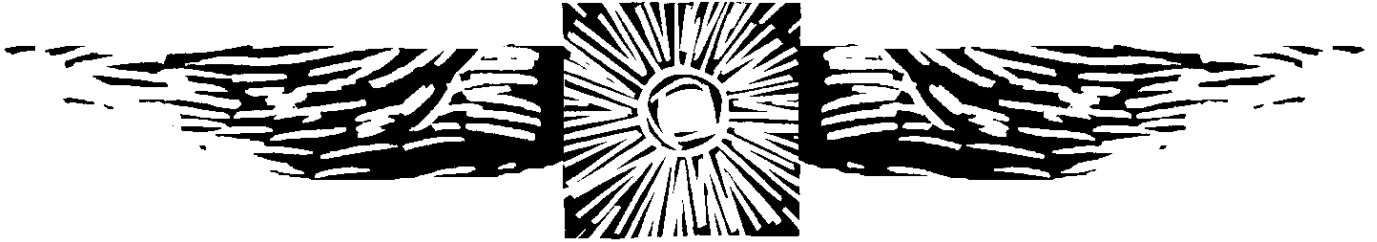


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

February 23, 2025 11:00 a.m.



Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany

PRELUDE

God Is Here!

arr. M. Howell

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#82 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847), alt; para. Psalm 103
MUSIC: John Goss (1800-1880)

LAUDA ANIMA
8.7.8.7.8.7.

D A7 D G2 D G/B D G A

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him, you be - hold him

Bm Em A7 F#7
A# Bm F#7 Bm B7
C# D D# Esus E7

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same for - ev - er,
fears he knows. In his hands he gent - ly bears us,
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;

F#m E A D
F# Bm E7 A D
D G A7

ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
all who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Bm A7 Bm A G Em D A7 D
C# D E G G F#

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us his mer - cy of flows!
the God of grace!

***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 (based on Psalm 23, by B. M. Neel)

**O Lord, you are our shepherd,
and yet we still want.
We lie down when we could act,
we stir the pot when we could offer peace,
we wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,
we see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.**

**We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,
so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

**Glory be to 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.**

FIRST READING

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

ANTHEM

Unseen Blessings

P. Martin / M. Hayes

LITANY

Leader: Lord God, you see and love people,
You delight in abundantly providing the things we need.

People: Lord God, we need your generosity and faithfulness.

Leader: You've given us a voice, to encourage others or curse them.

People: Lord God, we need your mercy and kindness.

Leader: You've given us an able body, to build up communities or tear them down.

People: Lord God, we need your justice and peace.

Leader: You've given us a heart, which is capable of accepting others
or rejecting them.

People: Lord God, we need your patience and compassion.

**All: Lord God, we need you all week long. Work in us, work through
us and work amongst us. May your goodness and unconditional love
reign now and evermore. Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#421 Nothing Can Trouble (sing 3x)

Taizé Community

WORDS: St. Teresa of Jesus; Taizé Community, 1986, 1991
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)
Words and Music © 1986, 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (Admin. GIA Publications)

Musical score for the hymn "Nothing Can Trouble". The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The melody is composed of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The chords are indicated above the treble staff: Am, Dm7, G, G7, Cmaj7, and F. The lyrics are: "Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios".

Dm6 Esus E Am | 2 F Dm6 E Am
 God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
 tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#596 Help Us Accept Each Other

BECK

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
 MUSIC: John Ness Beck (1930-1986)
 Words © 1975 Hope Publishing Company
 Music © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

BECK
 7.6.7.6.D.

Unison G A7 G Cdim G Am7(b5) Gmaj7 G6 A7
 1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Bm Em Emsus2 Em Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 D7sus2 D7
 teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Bm7 Emsus2 Em Em(#7) Em7 Am9 Bm7 C $\frac{D}{C}$ C#dim7

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

$\frac{G}{D}$ $\frac{C\#dim7}{D}$ $\frac{Am7}{D}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{D}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ G

we are *our - selves* ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

SECOND READING

Luke 6:27-36

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Prelude on BEACH SPRING

arr. T. Shaw

***New Doxology**

Marco Arida

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#416 God! When Human Bonds are Broken

MERTON

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
MUSIC: William H. Monk (1823-1889)
Words © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

MERTON
8.7.8.7.

1 God! When hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life;
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
use us as a means of bless-ing: make us strong-er, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God! En-cour-age and re-new!

*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.

*Choral Benediction

May God Who Creates You

C. Dyck

*The Sending of the Community

*** Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Prelude in D Major BWV 936

J.S. Bach

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers & Leading Worship – Debbie Benson;

Writing Prayers of the People – Christina Ward;

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