

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 9, 2025 3:00 p.m.



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love

M. Logozar

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

LENTEN KYRIE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

BEACH SPRING

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BEACH SPRING
All settings 35, 585

1 Come and jour-ney with a Sav-iour who has called us from our birth,
2 Come and jour-ney, jour-ney in-ward, come and seek him deep with-in,
3 Come and jour-ney, jour-ney out-ward, tell-ing oth-ers of his name,
4 Come and jour-ney, jour-ney out-ward, where that cross calls us to care,

who has washed us in the wa - ters, and who loved us on the earth.
 where he meets us in our liv - ing, in our striv - ing and our sin.
 tell - ing oth - ers of his glo - ry, of his cross and of the shame.
 where in - jus - tice and where hun - ger and the poor call us to share.

Refrain

Come and jour - ney, come and jour - ney with a Sav - iour who has come.

We are all God's sons and daugh - ters; in the Spir - it we are one.

5 Come and journey, journey upward.
 Sing his praises, offer prayer.
 In the storm and in the stillness
 find his presence everywhere.
 Refrain

6 Come and journey, journey onward;
 all our gifts we now shall bring
 to the building of a city
 that is holy, Christ its King.
 Refrain

***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 (Adapted from R. Keefs)

**Forgive us when...
we think only the rich deserve good food
and blame those who are hungry for their unhealthy choices.**

**Remind us that...
all people deserve access to nourishing foods
and people go hungry because of oppressive
systems we create and sustain.**

**Forgive us when...
we worship, idolize, or admire those with wealth and power
and blame our neighbors who live without their daily needs being met.**

**Remind us that...
we are created in Love, with Love, for Love
and you ask us to Love our neighbors as ourselves without exception.**

**Forgive us when...
we abdicate responsibility for oppression, war, hatred,
and violence and wait for you to fix what we have broken.**

**Remind us that...
You are with us when we fight against tyranny and oppression
and that your Love embraces those we marginalize, dehumanize,
devalue, and neglect.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

RESPONSIVE KYRIE

#703 Kyrie Eleison (sing responsively)

arr. C. T. Andrew

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Unison Cantor *All*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor *All*

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor *All*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM and CHORAL RESPONSE

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Read from the NRSV Bible

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (By F. Pratt)

God, in this season of Lent

we quiet our souls

that we may see more clearly the One our hearts long for.

We ask, seek, and knock

that our prayers may be answered

and our longing fulfilled.

We acknowledge that so much of faith-life involves waiting

for the voice of God to speak

for the Spirit of God to move

for the fullness of Your kingdom to come

for Christ's return

for the world to be made new

for justice and peace to become ordinary

for love to become the world's motivation.

We acknowledge that even as we wait, you are working

redeeming the earth

redeeming people

confirming Your love.

As Christ waited three days in a tomb

so do we wait for resurrection life.

We wait in faith,

that You are even now giving us new life.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

All creation waits for the Lord.

Amen

*HYMN OF PEACE

#563 In God Alone My Soul

Taizé Community

Mon â - me se re - pose en paix sur Dieu seul; de
In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in

Em C D G 7 Em C G D

lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
 God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

Em Am7 B Em Am B Last time Em B

à - me se re - po - se, se re - pose en paix. Mon
 soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

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CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#175 Forty Days and Forty Nights

HEINLEIN

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fas - ting
 2 burn - ing heat through - out the day, bit - ter cold when
 3 Shall not we your tri - als share, learn your dis - ci -
 4 So if Sa - tan, press - ing hard, soul and bo - dy
 5 Sav - iour, may we hear your voice— keep us con - stant

in the wild, for - ty days and for - ty nights
 light had fled, prowl - ing beasts a - round your way,
 pline of will, and with you by fast and prayer
 would des - troy, Christ who con - quered, be our guard;
 at your side; and with you we shall re - joice

tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed:
 stones your pil - low, earth your bed.
 wres - tle with the powers of hell?
 give to us the vic - tor's joy.
 at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Text: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), rev. *Hymns for Today's Church*.
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 HEINLEIN (AUS DER TIEFE)

Music: Melody attrib. Martin Herbst (1654-1681); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

SECOND READING

Luke 4:1-13

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Randal Rauser

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Gabriel's Oboe

E Morricone

Stephane Fagnan, cello

***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**

#533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

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ABERYSTWYTH
Higher key 250

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.
3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find!
4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

5 while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high.
6 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
7 Raise the fal - len, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
8 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - iour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness:
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last.
 cov - er my de - fence - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart; rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

***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**

Dona nobis pacem

Traditional round

***The Sending of the Community**

*** Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude on St George's Windsor

J. Payne

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Rev. Amanda Strain;

Writing Prayers of the People - Grant McIntyre;

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— FBC Council