



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 23, 2025 3:00 p.m.



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

Lenten Sicilienne

F. D. Ashdown

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

LENTEN KYRIE

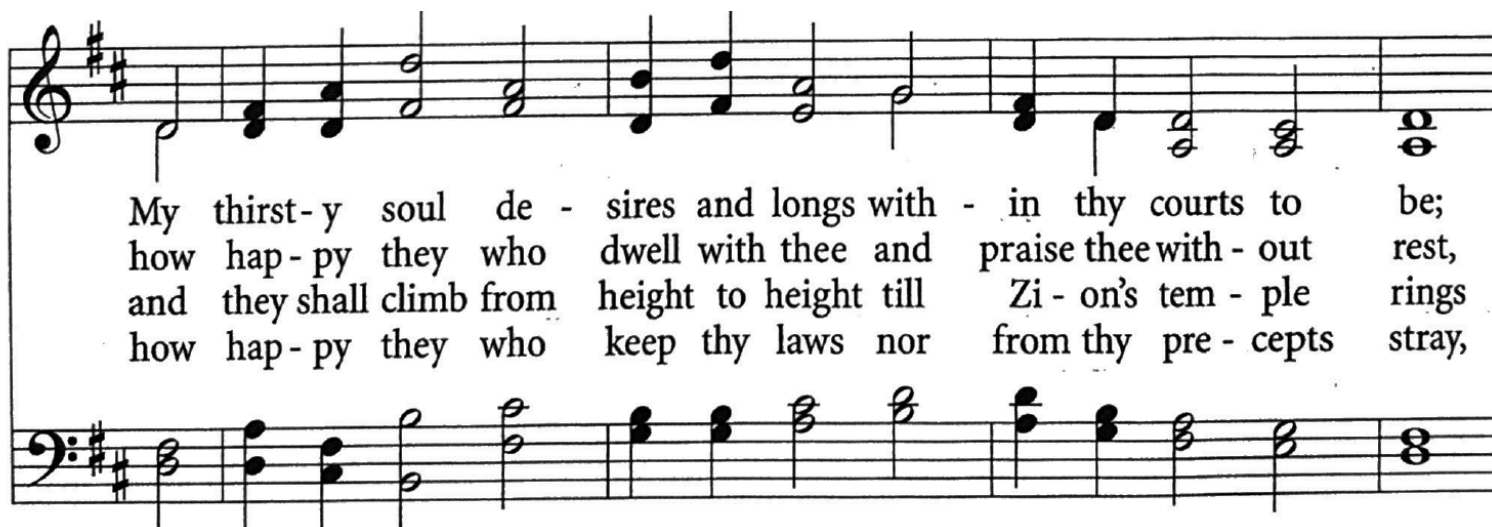
CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

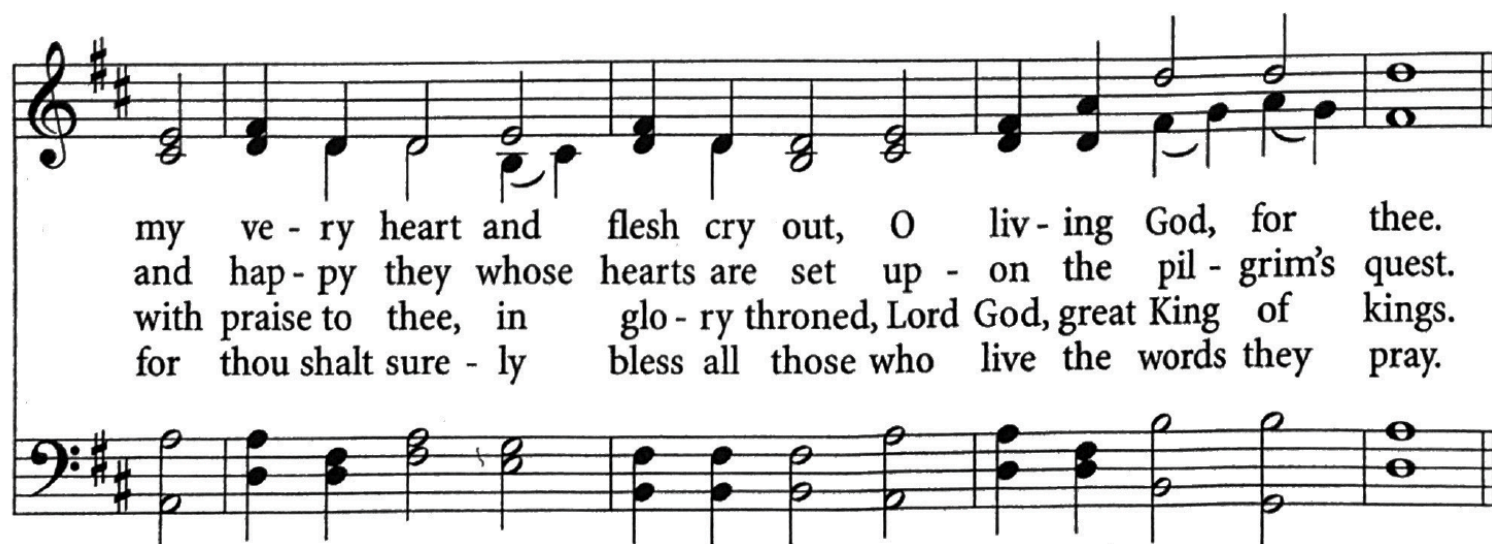
#498 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing place, O Lord of hosts, to me!
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a nest;
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with springs,
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a - way;



My thirst-y soul de - sires and longs with - in thy courts to be;
 how hap - py they who dwell with thee and praise thee with - out rest,
 and they shall climb from height to height till Zi - on's tem - ple rings
 how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor from thy pre - cepts stray,



my ve - ry heart and flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 and hap - py they whose hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 with praise to thee, in glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 for thou shalt sure - ly bless all those who live the words they pray.

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*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

O Lord,
we confess that we easily notice the faults of others.
We feel superior and self-righteous.
We are afraid to search our own hearts, to notice our own failings.
We believe lies rather than your truth.
We ignore your Lenten invitation to take time, in silence and prayer,
to attend to our own shortcomings.

Help us with our spring cleaning, Lord.
May we leave behind what we do not need
to make space for your renewing love to take root.
Give us new hearts.
Restore us to right thinking.
Enable us to bear good fruit.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

RESPONSIVE KYRIE

#703 Kyrie Eleison (sing 3x)

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 63:1-8

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

ANTHEM

Grant Us Thy Peace

F. Mendelssohn

RESPONSIVE READING

One: O Lord our God, we wander in the wilderness,
seeking for things that will never satisfy.

Many: **Our souls are thirsty.
We need your living water.**

One: Our fears and anxieties overwhelm us;
they haunt our days and disturb our nights.

Many: **Our bodies grow weary.
We need your bread of life.**

One: You have been our help in ages past.
You have sheltered us under your wings.

Many: **We lift up our hands;
we call upon your name.**

All: **Your steadfast love is better than life.
With grateful hearts we praise your name.**

*HYMN OF PEACE

#563 In God Alone My Soul (sing 2x)

Taizé Community

B Em C G D Em Am7 B

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 Last time Em Am B Em B

â - 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**

#172 Now Let Us All With One Accord

BOURBON

Capo 3

Dm
Gm
Dm
Am
Dm
7
Bb

1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in com - pa -
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to those of
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has not re -
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in your own
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so when our

ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
 faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
 turned, but fal - si - fied. Au - thor of mer - cy,
 im - age were we made; help us, lest in anx -
 wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for -

Bb
F
Dm
Bb
Gm
Dm
Am
Dm
7

heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
 turn your face and grant re - pen - tance for our pride.
 i - e - ty, we cause your name to be be - trayed.
 ev - er live in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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SECOND READING

Luke 13:1-9

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

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr, BWV 639

J.S. Bach / F.B. Busoni

(I call to you, O Lord)

*New Doxology

Marco Adria

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

#528 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Isaac Watts / William Croft

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody line with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with line numbers 1 through 4. The music ends with a final cadence in the treble staff, marked with a fermata and a final bar line.

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time like an ever-rolling stream
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

***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

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Praeludium and Fugue in G Minor BuxWV149

D. Buxtehude

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing & Leading Prayers - Anne Bellamy;

Prayers of the People - Liz Grinevitch;

Scripture Reading - Ryan Keay, Twyla Fletcher;

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Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

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— FBC Council