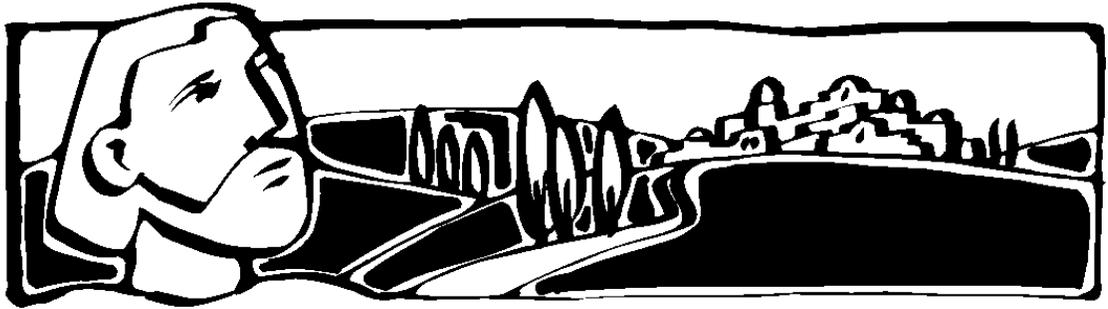


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 15, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Fourth
Sunday
in Lent



PRELUDE

Oboe Arioso
Variations on RATISBON

F.D. Ashdown
K. Beaumont

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

LENTEN KYRIE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

MUSIC: J. G. Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815; harm. William H. Havergal (1793-1870)

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer - less is the dawn till your glo - ries shine on me;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses of text.

Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o - ver shades of night:
 joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer-cy's beams I see:
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief:

Day-spring from on high, be near, Day-star, in my heart ap - pear!
 as they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
 more and more your - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!

***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

Almighty Father of mercy and love:

We confess that we have often been blind in many ways.

We have been blind to the miracles of everyday life;

blind to the vastness of your abundant supply
of everything that is essential for our lives.

We are blind to our neighbours' needs;

blind to opportunities to help when we could.

We are blind to the many talents and abilities you have given us
to serve one another.

We are blind to the things we should see,

and see the things which we should overlook.

Grant us, O Lord, the grace to look beyond our limited perspective
and to seek your truth with humble hearts.

Help us to have a corrected vision for your kingdom's sake,

that we may discern your will and walk faithfully in the light you provide.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

RESPONSIVE KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy (sing 3x)

J.M. Talbot

WORDS and MUSIC: John Michael Talbot (20th c.)

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Unison

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for the phrase "mercy, Lord, have mercy." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SINGING THE PSALM

Psalm 23

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Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in-to life.

The image shows a musical score for the text "Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death in-to life." It consists of two staves of music. The key signature has three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

ANTHEM

Gentle Voice

S. & L. Dengler

RESPONSIVE READING

One: The glory of God is revealed in unique ways often unknown to us.

Many: God creates according to his own plan and purpose.

One: Each of us has work to do in the kingdom of God.

Many: Each of us should carry out our responsibilities in alignment with God's timing.

One: Jesus is the light of the world. He is our guide.

ALL: We are all the light of the world.

Together let us shine and put out the darkness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise the Name of Jesus

R. Hicks, Jr.

WORDS and MUSIC: Roy Hicks, Jr. (1943-); para. Psalm 18:1

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus. He's my Rock, he's my For - tress, he's my De - liv - er - er, in him will I trust. Praise the name of Je - sus." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, eighth notes, and rests.

Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus.

He's my Rock, he's my For - tress, he's my De - liv - er - er, in

him will I trust. Praise the name of Je - sus.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

FIRST READING

John 9:1-12

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Healer of Our Every Ill

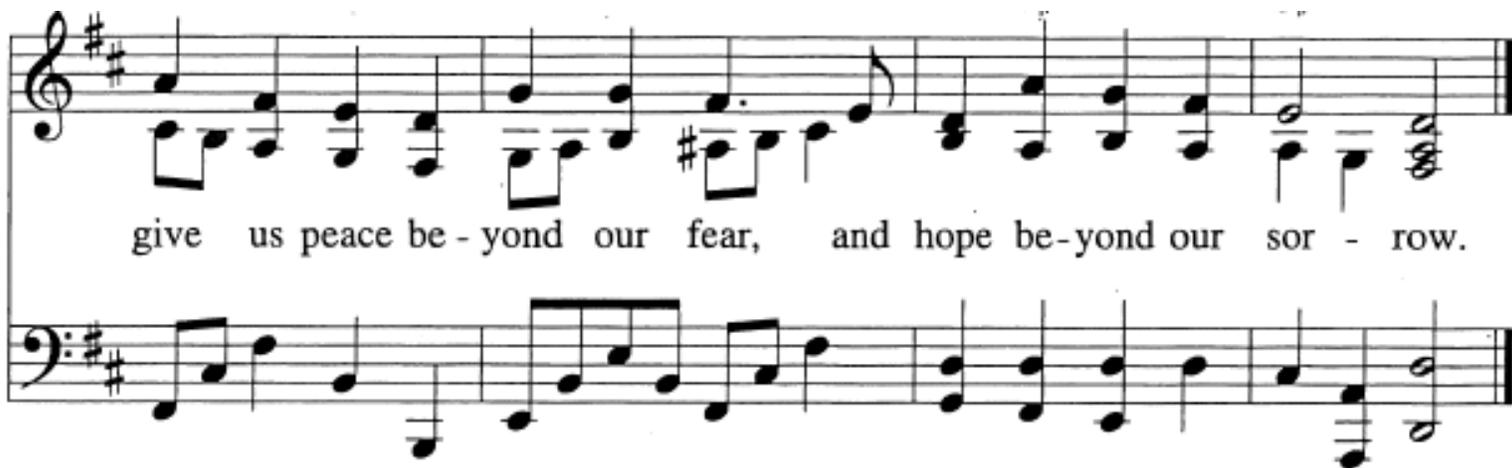
M. Haugen

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen (1950-)

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Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing, how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad-ness. Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
 still un-fold-ing. Give us all your vi-sion, God of love.
 ev-ery broth-er. Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
 way of heal-ing. Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

SECOND READING

John 9:13-41

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Rev. Craig Traynor

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Minuet in G Minor HWV 434

G.F. Handel

***New Doxology**

M. 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**

Sometimes a Healing Word is Comfort

NEUMARK

Some-times a heal - ing word

1. is com - fort:	eas - ing the	grieved or
2. re - mem - bers:	call - ing up	days of
3. is an - gry:	giv - ing a	name to
4. takes chanc - es:	go - ing where	no one
5. will lis - ten:	hear - ing the	voice - less

anx - ious heart,	giv - ing as - sur - ance	of our	car - ing,
joy or pain,	let - ting the	past re - new	the pres - ent,
dis - con - tent,	shin - ing a	light on	sin or griev - ance,
yet has been,	fac - ing the	dan - gers of	the des - ert,
in - to speech,	let - ting the	pat - tern of	the sto - ry

treas - ur - ing	each and	eve - ry	part.	
till hope can	mend and	move	a - gain.	
call - ing a	peo - ple	to re - pent.		Come, break the
hop - ing for	shel - ter	at the	inn.	si - lence!
move us to	learn what	it can	teach.	

Let us tell the Word that makes us free and well.

***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**

Be the Love of Christ

arr. R. Thornhill

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Organ Concerto in G Op.4 No.1: *Andante*

G.F. Handel

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers and Leading Worship - Christina Ward;

Prayers of the People and Leading Worship - Gordon Dinwoodie;

Scripture Reading - Mark Domning, Ken Badley;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families (away)

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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