

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

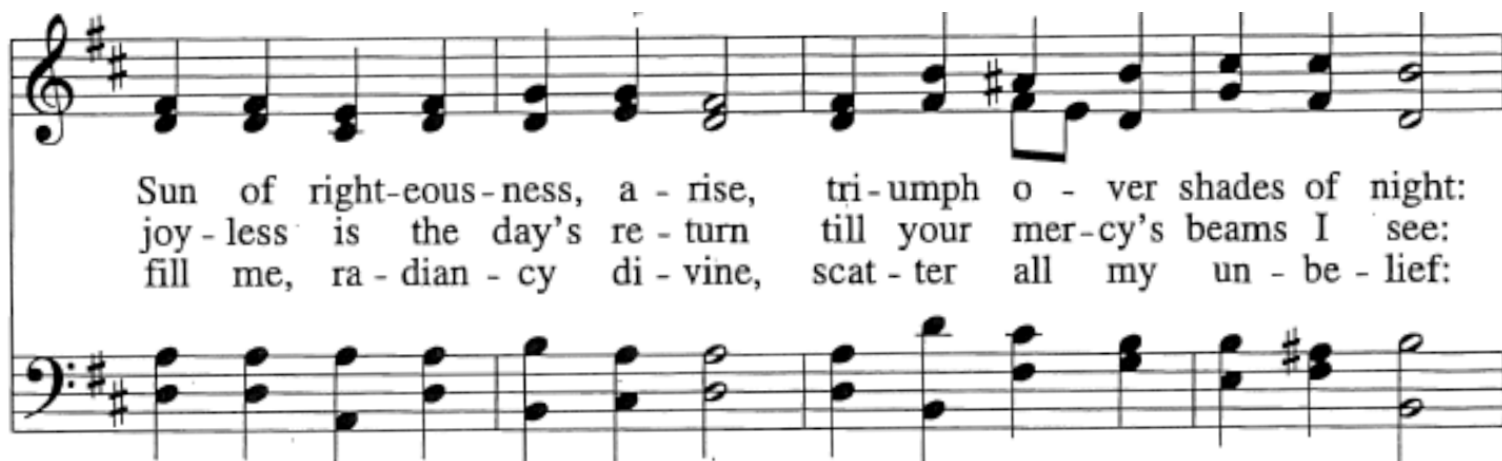
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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;



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

O Lord,
we confess we often miss your miracles,
assuming everything is the work of our hands.
We follow our own course rather than trusting in you.
We put our own understanding above your wisdom.
We miss opportunities to extend forgiveness.
We fail to be reconciled to our neighbour.

Forgive us Lord.
Quench our thirst with your grace.
Remold us into vessels of tenderness and compassion.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

RESPONSIVE KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy (sing 3x)

J.M. Talbot

Unison

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SINGING THE PSALM

Psalm 23

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ANTHEM

Gentle Voice

S. & L. Dengler

RESPONSIVE READING

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Many: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

Many: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

One: The Lord is King over all creation.

Many: The sea and the dry land are his.

One: Let us hear the voice of our God, our Shepherd.

Many: For we are the flock under his care.

All: Let us worship our God with our whole hearts

Let us praise his holy name forever!

*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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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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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

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



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

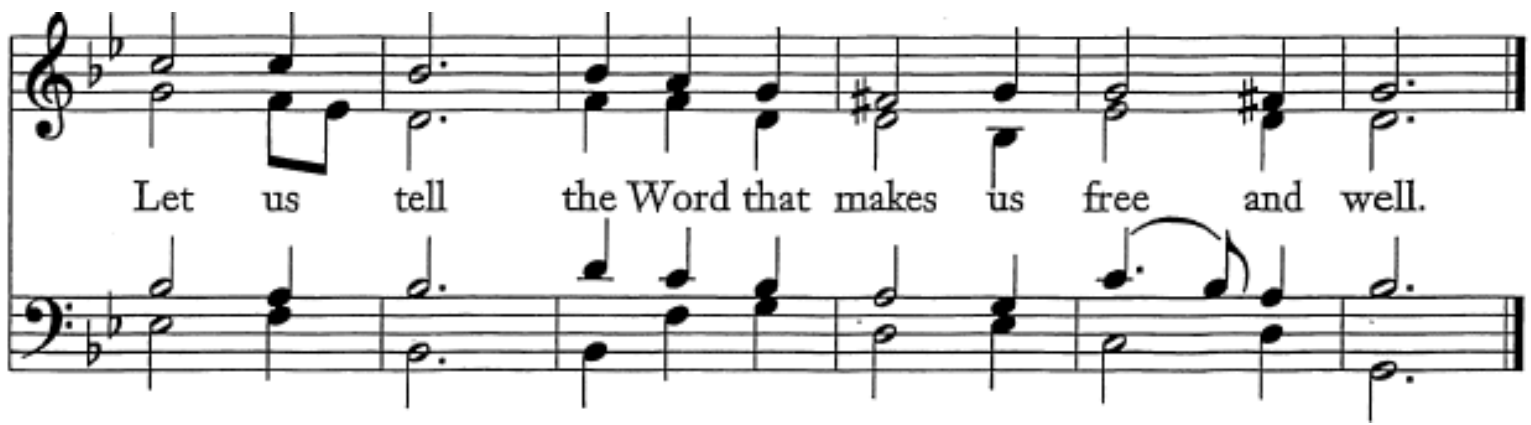
1. is com - fort: eas - ing the griev - ed or
2. re - mem - bers: call - ing up days of
3. is an - gry: giv - ing a name to
4. takes chanc - es: go - ing where no one
5. will lis - ten: hear - ing the voice - less



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 si - lence!
 hop - ing for shel - ter at the inn.
 move us to learn what it can teach.



***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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FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families (away)

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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