

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Third Sunday in Lent, a season of penitence and reflection as we follow Jesus on the way to the cross. Various themes run through the texts and music, themes related to water and bread, scarcity and abundance, human need and God's provision. The sermon explores the lengthy reading from John 4 in which Jesus changes the story of everyone involved. We conclude worship with communion through which we celebrate the changes Jesus has made possible for us and open our lives to more change in the context of grace.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Lynn Lingafelt

The Trinity Chimes

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship."

The Prelude

"Called Home to Heaven"
(Meditation on Holy Manna)†
Fred Gramann, arr.

Music Made in Heaven

The Call to Worship

LEADER: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

PEOPLE: **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

LEADER: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

PEOPLE: **let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

LEADER: The hour is coming and is now here.

PEOPLE: **In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

The Invocation

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land;
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might - y— hold me with thy power - ful hand:
 let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through:
 death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
 shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Act of Praise

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -
giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Words and Music: Hal H. Hopson, 1995

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Exodus 17:1-7

Leah Filomena

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

Christopher Chapman

The 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Meditation

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Sandra Eithun, arr.

Music Made in Heaven

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Anthem

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”
Terre Johnson, arr.

Sanctuary Choir

Come, ye disconsolate,
where'er you languish;
come to the mercy seat,
fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts,
here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrows
that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate,
light of the straying,
hope when all others die,
fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter,
tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrows
that heaven cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of Life;
see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God,
pure from above.
Come to the feast of love;
come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrows
but heaven can remove.

Words: Thomas Moore, 1816
Tune: Samuel Webbe, 1792

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table
The Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Bread Is Broken
The Cup Is Shared

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself during the singing of the Hymn of Discipleship. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to reflect upon their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

**As Jesus journeyed with his friends,
He broke great walls and barriers down.
He showed how far God's love extends
at Jacob's Well, outside of town.**

**A woman drew some water there,
and Jesus asked her for a drink.
They talked of life and truth and prayer;
His kind, warm welcome made her think.**

**Though culture pushed them far apart,
He looked past things that others saw.
He saw the searching in her heart;
His love shined greater than the law.**

**O God, when some are cast aside,
when people here are scorned, oppressed,
we see Christ reaching, arms stretched wide,
to welcome, treasure, heal and bless.**

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2017

Music: Trad. English Melody

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

*The Chimes

Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you go, remember, “you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”

*The Postlude

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Maureen Howell

Mark Patterson, arr.

*The congregation may stand.

†This piece is dedicated to the community ensemble Music Made in Heaven, Barbara Marley, dir.

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A Unique Community Handbell Ensemble

Music is one of the most universal means of expression and an ongoing link to the memory of loved ones. In honor and remembrance of their children who passed away, a group of parents created a handbell choir in 2004 as a continuing expression of their love for God and their joy in the gift of these children.

Our handbells are individually donated and carry a child's name and unique inscription created by the parents in each handle. Some of the current ringers are parents or relatives of these children.

The music played by the bells representing our children is unlike any other – it is a beautiful contribution the children are continuing to make to the world each time we ring. From this symbolism comes the name of the ensemble:

Music Made in Heaven

Ringers

Chris Schlachter Bonnie Woodruff Sabrina Tyndall

Joanne Glassford Dee Munro Phil Herold

Betty Godwin Elise Pangborn Sterling Smith

Cyndi Peterik Ruth Stevens Jean Cobb

Patricia Smith Elizabeth Barnes

Barbara Marley, Director

Our Children

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| Haywood Griffin Alexander, Jr. | Thomas Richard Glassford | Amanda Quick |
| George Morris Ashcraft | Corey Chapman Haddon | Baby John Parker Shell |
| Brenda B. Bailey | Lisa Permar Ham | Mark Edward Simpson |
| Joy Wagner Bailey | Tara Bliss Hatley | Lacy Sheppard Skirvin |
| Baby Barham | Meredith Lee Herold | Preston Ray Skirvin |
| Janet Logan Barnes | Robert Tomlinson Hill | Amanda Paige Smith |
| Steven Harris Bergman | Kristin Suzanne Jones | Charles Harrison Smith, III |
| Janet Faith Briggs | Susie Jones | Eric Scott Smith |
| Blayne Brown | David Michael Kosturko | Joseph Drew Smith |
| Bryan Brown | Matthew William Lee | Paul Michael Spampinato |
| Bethany Rush Cartledge | Natalie Jean Lippard | Larry E. Stafford |
| Robin B. Conrad | Jaime McSpadden | Andrew Achilles Stratas |
| Jimmy Dickinson | Nicolas McSpadden | Lauren A. Thompson |
| Jackson Todd Dixon | Eric Thomas Metcalf | Shae Marie Tomlin |
| Sarah Carlyle Herbert Dorrah | Nicholas Joseph Miracola | Donna Lynn Crocker Toms |
| Jasmine Dominique Douglas | Carol Cope Myers | Mark Adam Tucker |
| Robert Cording Dower | Sean Hugh O'Donnell | Sarah Abigail Tyndall |
| Annie Shea Eaton | Alexandra Caroline Paccone | Kathryn Elaine Waters |
| Macy Wray Erickson | Derek Wallace Pearson | Amy Kirsten Whiteman |
| D. Gordon Freeman, Jr. | Jill Perlette | Malia Scott Winberry |
| Nick Galanos | Baby Piepho | Ben Woodruff |
| Julie Ann Glassford | Martha Robertson Powell | Sandy Hook Community |

The Deacon on Call is Leah Filomena. Leah was baptized at First Baptist in 1997 and was a member until she left for school in 2006, returning in 2011. She is a member of the Grains of Sand class. She and her husband Tony have two children, Evie and Anthony.

The banner is sponsored today by Mary Lou and Mike Dodd in memory of Gladys Weaver Bland, Mike's grandmother.

Sympathy to Mike Dare on the March 5 death of his mother, Nancy Brown Dare, and to Curt Reffner on the March 3 death of his mother, Alice Reffner.

Please keep the eight people who will go on the third–fifth grade retreat to Mundo Vista this Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, in your prayers.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, March 15; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm, in-person and via Zoom (link may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*). This week, Dr. Ka'thy Gore Chappell, executive director of Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina, will lead a program on support for women in ministry among Baptists in our state.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu for March 15 is: meatballs with rice and green beans; non-meat option: veggie meatballs; kids: meatballs.

Theology on Tap's next gathering will be Thursday, March 16, at 6pm at Clouds Brewing (126 N. West Street). Please join us for dinner, drinks, and good conversation!

Easter is April 9. Remember a loved one with a donation toward the purchase of Easter lilies for our sanctuary, with the remaining funds benefitting the Day Mission Fund. Forms — found in Sunday School boxes, on our website, or by following the link in the *Rose Window Weekly* — must be received with payment by Wednesday, March 29.

Our March mission project is to collect the following items to be sent to families in Ukraine: new dark socks (not white) for both sexes and all ages, new AA and AAA batteries, multivitamins for all ages, and any type of over-the-counter painkillers. Please put your donations in the marker drawer in the Lewis Lobby cabinet anytime before the end of the month. If you have questions, contact Cara Lynn Vogel (clvogel@gmail.com).

If you are interested in being a part of a new Sunday School class for young couples, join us in room 224 on Sundays at 9:45am. For additional information, please contact Lou Anne and John Liverman (louanne.live@gmail.com) or Tonya and Lin Carter (tonyacarter5@gmail.com).

The CBF Annual Gathering will be held Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24, at Ardmore Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. This year's event will be in-person as well as live-streamed. For more details and a link to register, see *The Rose Window Weekly*.

The Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. So far, we have received \$7,059 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Diaper changing stations are located in the men's and women's bathrooms on each floor of the Lewis building, and a nursing room is located in our preschool suite on the first floor.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship bags are located in the narthex and in the Gathering Room; preschoolers (birth – kindergarten) are also welcome to join the supervised play in the preschool suite on first floor.

Calendar Highlights

March 12-19

Sunday, March 12

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Communion (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 12:00 GA Tea (fellowship hall)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

Monday, March 13

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 High school Bible study (Wade home)
Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, March 14

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)

Wednesday, March 15

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, March 16

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap

Saturday, March 18, and Sunday, March 19

Third-fifth grade retreat to Mundo Vista

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 12:00 GA Tea (fellowship hall)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
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