

Order of Worship

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Attendance Cards: Please complete & drop in offering plate.
We're glad you're here!

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer Concerns

PRELUDE "Prelude from 'Celtic Suite'" arr. Lau

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us praise our God of glory!

All: We come to worship our Lord of love.

One: For God is at work in our lives – offering forgiveness,

All: showing mercy, and surrounding us with unfailing love.

One: Our God is so good! Let us join with all creation

All: And joyfully sing God's praise!

***OPENING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" UMH 89

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With full confidence of your steadfast love,

we come before you, God, confessing our sin.

We are slow to learn your way of forgiveness.

We are reluctant to admit the ways we fall short.

We long for reconciliation but resist the act of repentance.

Forgive us, we pray.

Change us so that we may walk in your

beautiful and life-giving way.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM "Create In Me A Clean Heart" Mueller
Temple Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO PRAYER "Lord Have Mercy/Kyrie Eleison"
UMH 482

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN "Lord, Have Mercy/Kyrie Eleison"
UMH 482

OFFERTORY "Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer" Getty

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
UMH #95

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 51:1-12 p. 452 Santa Biblia p. 456

MESSAGE "The Importance of Repentance "
Rev. Kim Armentrout

***CLOSING HYMN** "O God Beyond All Praising" FWS 2009

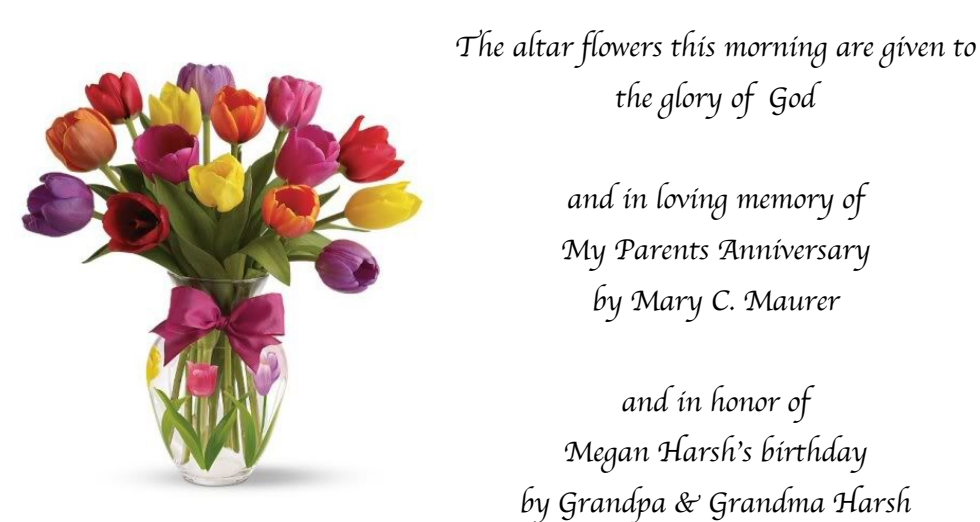
*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

CHOIR BENEDICTION "A Gaelic Blessing" Rutter
Temple Choir

POSTLUDE "St. Patrick's Breastplate" arr. Cherwien
*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

**Please rise*



Music Notes

Today's anthem ("Create in me a clean heart, O God") takes its text from Psalm 51 - specifically, verses 10-13. Many composers have used this text; this composer has artfully emphasized the different messages in this short passage.

The first section uses verses 10 and 11, and has the sorrowful feel appropriate to the psalmist's contrition. Then the setting of verse 12 moves quickly to a happier feeling. The contrition is still implied, but the attention is now on the benefits of a clean heart - namely, the joy of God's salvation. And verse 13 gives us yet another perspective: that, having been cleansed and experienced joy, we should then share this message with other sinners.

A lot to pack into four short verses! But that's how the Bible is. I still very much support the idea that scripture should be understood in its entirety, without over-emphasizing any individual verse. But sometimes there are insights in examining short passages. The psalmist, and the composer of this anthem, have helped us see some of them this morning.

Stephen Garrett



Observing Lent – Tradition recognizes seven psalms of repentance. Psalm 51, our scripture focus for worship, is probably the most familiar. We will explore the other six in our daily readings. It is important to keep in mind the goal of repentance: a life transformed in and by the grace of God. As we study and pray these psalms this week, keep that goal in mind and redirect your thoughts if they stray toward shame and self-loathing. God does not want that for you – God wants you to have life and have it abundantly!

Prayer –

Gracious God,
who in love calls me into abundant life,
reorient me toward you.
Teach me the ways of repentance
so that I may experience
the steady and beautiful rhythm
of faith formation by your hands of grace.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Daily Readings – For each of the passages, consider reading each three times. As you read the first time, what word or phrase stands out to you. As you read the second time, notice where the passage connects with your life right now. What might God be saying to you? As you read the third time, prayerfully ask, "God, what are you calling me to do, change, be, or become?" (A modified version of the ancient discipline of Bible reading called *Lectio Divina*.)

March 18 th	Psalm 6	March 22 nd	Psalm 130
March 19 th	Psalm 32	March 23 rd	Psalm 143
March 20 th	Psalm 38	March 24 th	Philippians 2:5-11
March 21 st	Psalm 102		

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY 17—Fifth Sunday in Lent

9 am Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE
10:30 am Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE

Nursery: Susan Beagle & Rose Morgan

3 pm Movie Dead Man Walking

MONDAY 18

8 am Breakfast Club

6 pm Bible Study

TUESDAY 19

1 pm SPRC

2 pm Pantry

5:30 pm Finance Committee

6:00 pm Administrative Council

WEDNESDAY 20

Lenten Lunch at First Baptist Church

Noon Choir

3 & 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study

6:00 pm

THURSDAY 21

6 pm ESL Classes @ Rosa Parks Elementary

FRIDAY 22

SATURDAY 23

SUNDAY 24—Palm Sunday

9 am Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE

10:30 am Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE

Nursery: Patt Gibson & Susan Beagle

2-4 pm Confirmation Class

Prayer Concerns

Members of the Church Family:

Wanda Tewart	Bob Rogers	Bob Weineke
Judy Smith	Jerry Slama	Betty Risner
Kathy Wright	Debbie Ellis	Tom Atkinson
Bill Schaefer	Judy Spaulding	Jennie Webb
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All Our Homebound Members		

Family & Friends of the Church:

Kerry Byrd, husband of Brenda Byrd	Laurie Rogers, daughter of
Phil Longo, friend of Sharyn Edelen	Bob & Becky Rogers
Carolyn J Howard, niece of Mary Maurer	Rex Perry, friend of Ron & Mary
Sue Essen, sister of Peggy Kramer	Davis
James Rogers, son-in-law of Ron	Sam Barber, brother of Mary
& Mary Davis	Davis
Thomas Swank II, nephew of Steve	Tim Brown, nephew of Mary
Swank & Melanie Alderton	Maurer
Darnell Williams, step son-in-law of	Marcia Young, friend of
Brenda Byrd	Glenna Combs
Tracy Snyder, sister of Vickie Frazer	Mary Beckett, sister of Judy
Pam Zenefski, aunt of Cory Smarzinski	Smith
Ted Heberling & family	MeganMcLaughlin-Stercula,
Dave Coomer, friend of Susan Beagle	granddaughter of Dee &
Bill Lambert, friend of Sue Faulkner	David Young
Don Ward & family, friends of	Ernie Streithau, friend of Mike
Mike & Gloria Freeman	& Gloria Freeman
Rev. David Harris, pastor at The	
Gathering & Pleasant Ridge UMC	

Announcements

FORGIVENESS ON THE SCREEN

Today at 3:00 p.m. we will be showing the 1995 film Dead Man Walking. It tells the true story of a death row inmate convicted of murder and the nun who walks with him during the last stages of his appeal process. We've been exploring forgiveness in worship and this movie will provide us the opportunity for reflection and discussion about forgiveness in real life. This is **not** recommended for families with children. This film is rated R for racist language, profane language, and violence including depictions of rape and murder.

LENTEN LUNCHESES

You are invited to join with other Christians in our community for a time of prayer and reflection during the season of Lent. First Baptist Church will be hosting the last lunch this Wed., March 20th at noon. Our Pastor Daniel will be leading the devotion.

LENTEN OFFERING

This Lent we are focusing on the ministries of the church that involve feeding our neighbors. On the Lenten Resources table is a paper with information about these ministries and a list of the most needed items. All donations should be brought to the sanctuary and placed behind the altar rail (in the "moat")

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday morning worship with palms & special music from our choir.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Worship with Holy Communion, special music from our choir

Good Friday, March 29th at noon

A quiet and reflective service with prayer, scripture, and singing

Good Friday Community Worship

More details to come.

EASTER WORSHIP

Join us on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! We will hear the Easter story, sing beloved Easter hymns, and worship our God who brings new life. Our choir is planning special anthems for worship that day and the worship committee is working on decorating the sanctuary. We will have special activity packs for our children as they will be with us in worship for the entire service that day. Next Sunday we will have an invitation for you to share with others but you can start even now. Invite someone who doesn't have a church home to join you in celebrating Easter at First UMC!

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