

First Baptist Church at Worship

February 16, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Gathering Song

We Will Walk with God

setting by John Bell

We will walk ___ with God, my bro - thers; we wil walk ___ with God.

We will walk ___ with God, my sis - ters, we will walk ___ with God.

We will go re - joic - ing ___ till the king - dom has come.

We will go re - joic - ing ___ till the king - dom has come.

- traditional Swaziland worship song

Greeting and Call to Worship

Phil Majors

We are God's people, walking together.

Let us choose the way of the Lord, and live.

We are God's servants, working together.

It is the Lord who makes us live and grow.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

+Hymn 315

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

...so that we might hold fast to one another, and draw near to Your presence. Amen.

Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give — God all praise and
 glo - ry; let all who know God's power pro-claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast
 each false i - dol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ a-lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

- Johann Jakob Schütz

The Word

Children's Sermon

Jefferson Calico

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Phil Majors

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

**If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God
 that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God,
 walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances,
 then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you
 in the land that you are entering to possess.**

But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to
 other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish;
 you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

**I call heaven and earth to witness against you today
 that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.**

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God,
 obeying him, and holding fast to him;

**for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land
 that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.**

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



*Happy are those whose lives are blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
 Happy are those who follow God's commands, who seek the Lord with all their hearts.
 Happy are those who never choose evil, but follow God's ways.
 Lord, You have given us Your laws and have told us to keep them faithfully. **REFRAIN**
 Steady me, Lord, that I may be faithful in keeping Your instructions.
 If I concentrate on Your commandments, I will never be put to shame.
 As I learn Your truth and justice, I will truly sing Your praise.
 I will obey Your laws; Lord, never leave me alone. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles: I Corinthians 3:1-9

Jefferson Calico

*The word of the Lord**Thanks be to God*

+Hymn 255

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

Sermon

"Choices"

Phil Majors

Responding

+Hymn 500

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

stanzas 1, 2, 5, and 6

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Paul Sims

Loose change received in February will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program.

Offertory Anthem

Christ the Way of Life Possess Me

by K. Lee Scott

The Sanctuary Choir

*Christ the Way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise;**Guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days.**Well of life, forever flowing, make my barren soul and bear**Like a watered garden growing fresh and fair.**May the Tree of life in splendor from its leafy boughs impart**Grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart.**Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past,**Sorrow, self, and sin resigning, home at last.*

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Sending

+Hymn 637

Guide My Feet

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+Commission and Blessing

Phil Majors

Organ Postlude

We Are Called to Be God's People

setting by David Lasky

*... let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.*

- Thomas Jackson

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

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