

# The Lenten Journey of Renewal

## IDENTITY

First Baptist Church of Corbin, Kentucky

February 28, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Second Sunday in Lent

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*The Lenten journey*

*is a journey inward, renewing our hearts and minds.*

*The Lenten journey*

*is a journey of faith, finding our true identity as people  
of God and as followers of Christ.*

*The Lenten journey*

*is a journey outward, living in covenant with God and one another.*

Hymn

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,*

*Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:*

*Beneath the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;*

*Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,*

*From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,*

*Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

- Isaac Watts

A Moment for Children

Lindsay Lowe

from Genesis 17

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Mark 8:31-38

Hymn

*Wherever He Leads, I'll Go*

FALLS CREEK

*"Take up thy cross and follow me," I heard my Master say;  
I gave my life to ransom thee, surrender your all today."  
Wherever he leads I'll go, wherever he leads I'll go,  
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever he leads I'll go.  
My heart, my life, my all I bring to Christ who loves me so;  
He is my Master, Lord, and King, wherever he leads I'll go.  
Wherever he leads I'll go, wherever he leads I'll go,  
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever he leads I'll go.*

- B. B. McKinney

Sermon

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Hymn

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

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*Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of his choice;  
Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.  
Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,  
Who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify?  
God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;  
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.  
Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;  
Stand up and bless his glorious name, henceforth forevermore.*

- James Montgomery

### The Dedication of Savannah Catherine Bales and Stella Charlotte Bales

*In presenting Savannah and Stella to the Lord, do you promise – in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church – to teach your daughters the gifts and claims of the Christian faith, and by prayer, word, and example to bring them up in the nurture, discipline, and instruction of the Lord?*

We do.

*Brothers and sisters of the household of faith, I commend to you this family. Your love, care, and example are as necessary to this covenant as their faithfulness in keeping their promise. Will you do all in your power to make this church a true spiritual home for them, lending them the support of your prayers and your example?*

***With God's help we will.***

Hymn

*To Abraham and Sarah*

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*To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:  
“Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.  
You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word  
That you shall be my people and I will be your God.”  
From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,  
Dependent for their journey on God’s abundant grace;  
And in their heart was written by God this saving word:  
“That you shall be my people and I will be your God.”  
We of this generation on whom God’s hand is laid  
Can journey to the future secure and unafraid,  
Rejoicing in God’s goodness and trusting in this word:  
“That you shall be my people and I will be your God.”*

- Judith A. Fetter

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

*Go from this hour of worship to be God’s people – walk in the way of Christ,  
take up your crosses, share good news. Go to live in love and to act with grace. Amen.*