

First Baptist Church at Worship

March 1, 2020

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The First Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Song

Rain Down

by Jaime Cortez

Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love on Your peo -

ple. Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love, God of life. _____

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

*God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth. **REFRAIN***

God of creation, we long for Your truth; You are the water of life that we thirst.

*Grant that Your love and Your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in You. **REFRAIN***

Greeting and Call to Worship

Phil Majors

We do not live by bread alone,

so we gather to feast on God's sustaining word.

We come at the Spirit's leading

to offer ourselves in service to Christ.

Come, find strength for the journey.

We will worship the one, true God.

+Hymn 52

O Worship the King

LYONS

+Invocation

Paul Sims

*... may we be sheltered under Your arm and preserved in Your love,
for our trust is in You. **Amen.***

+Response

by Jaime Cortez



The Word

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 32

setting by Hal Hopson



Blest is the one whose sin is forgiv'n, and whose wrongs are put far away.

Happy is the one free of guilt, whose spirit is pure, whose words are the truth. REFRAIN

When I refused to confess all my sin, my body wasted away.

Day and night my sins were before me; my strength dried up like the summer's heat. REFRAIN

Then I declared my sin to the Lord, and my heavy guilt I confessed;

God forgave all my transgressions; my sin and guilt were taken away. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 5:12-15

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 586

Grace Greater than Our Sin

MOODY

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 4:1-11

Phil Majors

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered,

"It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him,

“Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him,

“Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and ministered to him.

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Voices in the Desert”

Alice Tremaine

Responding

Confession and Assurance

Paul Sims

+Hymn 169

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

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

Janie Akins

Loose change received in March will benefit The White Flag Ministry.

Offertory Anthem

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

by Richard Farrant

The Sanctuary Choir

*Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
That we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.*

- Lidley's Prayers, 16th century

Prayers of the People

Phil Majors

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 for Lent

OLD HUNDREDETH

*Praise God, the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory to God's holy name! Amen.*

Sending

+Hymn 637

Guide My Feet

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+Blessing

Phil Majors and Alice Tremaine

*Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
For great is the gift of grace, and great is the love that surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
Receive then this gift of grace, and walk in the ways of love. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

setting by Anna Laura Page

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

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