

First Baptist Church at Worship

March 22, 2020

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Greeting and Call to Worship

Jefferson Calico

Once we lived in darkness;

now, in the Lord, we are light.

Jesus said: I am the Light of the world.

Let us live as children of the light.

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;

Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail his ways!

Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,

- Harry Emerson Fosdick

Psalm 23

Paul Sims

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 5:8-14

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The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: John 9:1-12, 35-41

Phil Majors

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Song

The Light of the World Is Jesus

by Philip P. Bliss

*The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin; **the Light of the world is Jesus;***

*Like sunshine at noonday his glory shone in; **the Light of the world is Jesus;** REFRAIN*

*No darkness have we who in Jesus abide; **the Light of the world is Jesus;***

*We walk in the light when we follow our guide; **the Light of the world is Jesus;** REFRAIN*



Come to the Light, 'tis shin-ing for thee; sweet-ly the Light has dawned up-on me,



Once I was blind, but now I can see: The Light of the world is Je - sus.

Sermon

“Turning ‘Why’ into ‘What’”

Phil Majors

Prayers of the People

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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.

Hymn

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

- John Newton

Benediction

Phil Majors

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Carolyn Garr, soloist