

The Lenten Journey of Renewal

FOOLISHNESS

First Baptist Church of Corbin, Kentucky

March 7, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Third 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, learning that God's foolishness
is wiser than human wisdom.*

The Lenten journey

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

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word;
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride,
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And Christ's great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

- Samuel J. Stone

A Reading from the Epistles

Nick Hibbard

I Corinthians 1:18-25

A Moment for Children

Alice Tremaine

from John 2

Hymn

You Strode within the Temple, Lord

KINGSFOLD

*You strode within the Temple, Lord, where merchants vied for gain
And cried, "Your wares corrupt God's house, this place of prayer profane!"
With corded whip and fiery wrath You put God's foes to flight.
They could not bear the searching beam of Your unshielded light.
The temple of Your body, Lord, they crushed when You were slain;
But after three days' sleep in death, God raised it up again.
And now You have a dwelling place on earth, in all its lands.
Your people are Your temple, Lord, a house not made with hands.
Come, visit, Lord of righteousness, the church that bears Your name.
Drive out our fear and unbelief, the pride that is our shame.
Renew the life we share, O Christ, in love and prayer and praise,
Then send us forth, our strength restored, to serve You all our days.*

- Herman G. Stuempfle

Sermon

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Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

- Isaac Watts

Dedication of Brooklyn Lyric Henriquez & Lioney Antonio Henriquez, Jr.

In presenting Brooklyn and Lioney to the Lord, do you promise – in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church – to teach your children 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

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*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,
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,
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,
Serving Thee whom we adore.*

- Harry Emerson Fosdick

Benediction

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*Go from this time of worship recognizing that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom
and that God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Go in the name of the crucified
Christ, who taught and embodied the foolishness of the Gospel. **Amen.***