

WORSHIP GUIDE for MARCH 6, 2022

SETTING YOUR SPACE

Friends, we're entering the season of Lent. The banners in the church are purple, the display in the baptistry is simple, and we're turning our attention to the humanity of Jesus - and to our own. We'll focus on a different element each week; this first week, we're thinking about bread. We're reading about it, singing about it, sharing it at communion. Join with FBC - either in person or virtually - to share in what we hope will be a nourishing hour for our spirits together.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude - 9:56-10:00 - Geoff Clayton, Pianist

Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor

Gathering Song: *Joy of the Lord (Blue Book)*

- Dave Ferry, Dave King, Geoff Clayton

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise, my song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail, my song will rise, my song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs, I will praise You, Lord

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You
When the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart, I will praise You, Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You

When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love, I will praise You, Lord

Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light; I feel alive with You
In Your presence now, I come alive; I am alive with You
There is strength when I say: I will praise You, Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield around me
Always, You remain, my courage in the fight
I hear You call my name. Jesus, I am coming
Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

**Gathering Prayer &
Communal Prayer from the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, KS**
- Kathleen Verigin

Our father

Our mother

Who art in heaven

Who are in all the earth

Hallowed be thy name

Holy is your truth

Thy kingdom come

May your wisdom come

Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven

*Your circle be one uniting heaven
and earth*

Give us this day our daily bread

Give us today a nurturing spirit

And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors

*Heal through us as we ourselves
are healed*

Lead us not into temptation

Lead us into fullness of life

But deliver us from evil

And liberate all that is good

For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory

*For the Wisdom, Presence and
the Goodness are Yours*

Now and forever. Amen.

Children's Time - Sean P. Williams

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus returned from the Jordan filled with the Holy Spirit, and He led him into the desert for 40 days, where he was tempted by the Devil. Jesus ate nothing during that time, at the end of which he was famished. The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are God's Own, command this Stone to turn into bread." Jesus answered, "Scripture has it, 'We do not live on bread alone.'" Then the Devil took Jesus up higher and showed him all the nations of the world in a single instant. The devil said, "I'll give you all the power and the glory of these nations; the power has been given to me and I can give it to whomever I wish. Prostrate yourself in homage before me, and it will all be yours." In reply, Jesus said, "Scripture has it, 'You will worship the

most high God; God alone will you adore.'" Then the Devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, set him up on the parapet of the Temple and said, "If you are God's Own, throw yourself down from here, for Scripture has it, 'God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they'll support you, that you may never stumble on a stone.'" Jesus said to the Devil in reply, "It also says, 'Do not put God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, Jesus was left alone. The devil awaited another opportunity.

Sermon: "Bread" - Erika

Response Song: Until All Are Fed (Blue Book)

- Dave Ferry, Dave King, Geoff Clayton

How long will we sing? How long will we pray?
How long will we write and send?
How long will we bring? How long will we stay?
How long will we make amends?

Until all are fed we cry out.
Until all on earth have bread.
Like the One who loves us, each and ev'ry one...
We serve until all are fed.

How long will we talk? How long will we prod?
How long must we fret and hoard?
How long will we walk to tear down this facade?
How long? How long, O Lord?

Until all are fed we cry out.
Until all on earth have bread.
Like the One who loves us, each and ev'ry one...
We serve until all are fed.

How can we stand by and fail to be aghast?
How long 'til we do what's right?

How could we stand by and choose a lesser fast?
How long 'til we see the light?

Until all are fed we cry out.
Until all on earth have bread.
Like the One who loves us, each and ev'ry one...
We serve until all are fed.

Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Erika Marksbury

One: Gracious One, in your mercy...

All: ...hear our prayer.

Communion

Litany

One: God, as we come to share the richness of your table,
we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

**All: We cannot take bread
and forget those who are hungry.
We cannot take this cup
and forget those who are thirsty.**

One: We cannot hear your words of peace
and forget the world at war.

**All: We cannot gather around this table
and forget those who have not yet found
a place they can belong.**

One: Gracious God, with this Bread of Life
and Cup of Hope,

**All: nourish us to live your truth, your love,
your peace, your compassion,
this day and all of our days. Amen.**

Communion Song: *Misty and Holy* – Max Dixon, Saxophone

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, for all of the ways you nurture us – through food and drink, through song and story, through one another – we give thanks. May our sharing together fill us with the courage and compassion we need to live as your people: challenging injustice, dismantling oppression, creating beauty, loving and serving all the world. Amen.

Welcoming New Members

– Shirley Baldwin, Sharon Law, Mary Jackson, Lynn Crowell

An Affirmation by the Congregation

We, the members of this church, receive you joyfully. We honor your journey and we give thanks for all those who have nurtured your faith. We celebrate your presence here and we welcome you in the name of Christ.

A Covenant Between Us

As members, we promise our faithful companionship to one another as together we seek to understand and live out the compassion we see in Christ's life. We will gently challenge each other, allowing ourselves and our community to be shaped and transformed by God's love for us and our love for each other. We will draw strength from each other as we strive together to live faithfully and love generously.

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for Sharon and Shirley and Mary and Lynn, who have come into this fellowship; we celebrate their spirit and their gifts. We thank you that you welcome us all to sit at your table, that you call us all to do your work, that you shelter us all in the covenant of your peace. Shape us evermore

into your beloved community, with room in our hearts to embrace one another and all the world. Amen.

Going Forth Song: *Draw the Circle Wide* (Blue Book)

- Dave Ferry, Dave King, Geoff Clayton

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side...

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Benediction - Rev. Erika Marksbury

One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude - Geoff Clayton

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