

WORSHIP GUIDE for MARCH 13, 2022

SETTING YOUR SPACE

Hi, Friends! This is a special Sunday ahead. The element we'll be centering our reflections on is *water*, and we have a special guest from AMOS Health & Hope, Marissa Alaniz, to guide us in these reflections. If you're joining in worship from home, you might want to set a small bowl of water near your worship space (we'll use these during the prayer time). We'll also have the chance after church to celebrate with those who have virtually "traveled" with AMOS these past couple of weeks, so you're welcome to stay/come after the service for lunch in the Social Hall and one last online excursion in Nicaragua.

Sent along with this guide is a letter detailing FBC's new mask policy: in short, masking is will not be required, but it will be respected. We're asking each person to make the decision that is right for them, for now, knowing that all of this might change again, and if it does, we will need to adjust again. But this Sunday, feel free to come to the church with or without a mask, and remember to honor others who will have their own reasons for the decisions they come to. Thanks.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude - Robin Pederson

Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor

Gathering Song: *Come to the Water*

- Robin Pederson

And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side.
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.
I felt ev'ry teardrop when in darkness you cried.
And I long to remind you that for those tears I died."

You said you'd come and share all your sorrows.
You said you'd be there for all my tomorrows.
I came so close to sending you away.
But just like you promised, you came in to stay.
I just had to pray.

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Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *from the Aramaic*

- Gary Langenwalter

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos, focus your light within us
- make it useful: Create your reign of unity now. Your one desire
then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms. Grant what we
need each day in bread and insight. Loose the cords of mistakes
binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt. Don't
let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back.
From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do, the
song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews. Truly - power to
these statements - may they be the ground from which all my
actions grow. Amen.

Children's Time - Sean P. Williams

AMOS Slideshow

Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Those who welcome you also welcome me, and those who welcome me welcome the One who sent me. Those who welcome prophets just because they are prophets will receive the reward reserved

for the prophets themselves; those who welcome holy people just because they are holy will receive the reward of the holy ones. The truth is, whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones just for being a disciple will not lack a reward.”

Sermon – Marissa Alaniz, AMOS Health & Hope

Response Song: *There's a River*

– Robin Pederson

There's a river from above.
There's a fountain filled with love.
There is water, a vast supply.
There's a river that won't run dry.

His love surrounds us like a mighty sea;
He opens up the door and sets the captives free

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Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Erika Marksbury

Reach of Our Gifts: One Great Hour of Sharing, benefiting Ukraine

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* (NC Hymnal #76)

– Robin Pederson

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Benediction – Marissa Alaniz

Postlude – Robin Pederson

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