

WORSHIP GUIDE for MARCH 27, 2022

SETTING YOUR SPACE

Friends, we're about halfway through the season of Lent. The days are lengthening and we move, at the same time, toward the cross *and* the resurrection. But we're not there yet - this week, we're looking at the love and the sorrow held in a deep friendship of Jesus'. And we're celebrating new friends of our own, as five people join FBC in membership tomorrow. Hope you can be part of our time together, in person or online - your presence is what makes this congregation who we are!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude - Dave Ferry

Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor

Gathering Song: *Hear Our Praises (Blue Book)*

- Heidi Reinker, Matt Reinker, Dave Ferry, Debbie
Harmon Ferry, Geoff Clayton

May our homes be filled with dancing.

May our streets be filled with joy.

May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

From the mountains to the valley hear our praises rise to You.

From the heavens to the nations hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross.

May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas.

From the mountains to the valley hear our praises rise to You.

From the heavens to the nations hear our singing fill the air.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

From the mountains to the valley hear our praises rise to You.

From the heavens to the nations hear our singing fill the air.

God of Wonders (Blue Book)

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky,
the heavens are Your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy;
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy;
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
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Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *from Sarah Dylan Breuer* - Virginia Holmstrom

Loving Creator, we honor you, and we honor all that you have made.
Renew the whole world in the image of your love. Give us what we
need for today, and a hunger to see the whole world fed. Strengthen
us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past; give us
courage to follow your call in this moment. For your love is the only

power, the only home, the only honor we need, in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

Children's Time - Sean P. Williams

Scripture: John 11:17-37

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Since Bethany was only about two miles from Jerusalem, many people had come out to console Martha and Mary about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, while Mary stayed at home with the mourners.

When she got to Jesus, Martha said, "If you had been here, my brother would never have died! Yet even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask."

"Your brother will rise again!" Jesus assured her.

Martha replied, "I know he will rise again in the Resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the Resurrection, and I am Life: those who believe in me will live, even if they die; and those who are alive and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes!" Martha replied. "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, God's Only Begotten, the One who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, Martha went back and called her sister Mary. "The teacher is here, asking for you," she whispered. As soon as Mary heard this, she got up and went to him. Jesus hadn't gotten to the village yet. He was at the place where Martha had met him. Those who were there consoling her saw her get up quickly and followed Mary, thinking she was going to the tomb to mourn.

When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.

“Where have you laid him?” Jesus asked.

“Come and see,” they said. And Jesus wept. The people in the crowd began to remark, “See how much he loved him!” Others said, “He made the blind person see; why couldn't he have done something to prevent Lazarus's death?”

Sermon: “Salt” – Rev. Erika Marksbury

Response Song: *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* (Blue Book)

– Heidi Reinker, Matt Reinker, Dave Ferry, Debbie Harmon Ferry, Geoff Clayton

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me.
And I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.

I'm happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands
for I will always sing of when your love came down.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me.
And I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.

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I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

Oh, I feel like dancing, it's foolishness I know,

But when the world has seen the light they will dance
with joy like we're dancing now.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

Reach of Our Gifts: One Great Hour of Sharing – JoAnn Sims

Closing Words – Rev. Erika Marksbury

Welcoming New Members

- Nancy Carlson, John Sullivan, Judy Larmouth,
Eric Holmstrom, Virginia Holmstrom

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 Nancy and John and Judy and Eric and Virginia, 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: *You Are Salt for the Earth* (Blue Book)

- Heidi Reinker, Matt Reinker, Dave Ferry, Debbie Harmon Ferry, Geoff Clayton

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God!

Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God!

Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God!

Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God!

Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

Benediction - Rev. Erika Marksburry

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

All: And also with you.

Postlude – Geoff Clayton

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