

The Way



*I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43 :19



Order of Worship

March 22, 2015

9:15 am

The Fifth Sunday of the Season of Lent
— **The Way** —

Greeting

Christ is among us- God is doing a new thing.

Call to Worship (responsive)

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

***We rejoice in God, who provides a pathway
through the wilderness of our world.***

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

***We rejoice in God, who provides a river of mercy
through the desert lands of our life.***

The Lord says, "I am about to do a new thing!"

***"I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in
the desert."***

Songs of Praise

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
God You Reign

Paving New Paths

Invocation (unison)

***Pilgrim God, our shoes are filled with stones,
our feet are blistered and sore, our faces are stained with
tears.***

***As we stumble and fall may we know your presence
in the weariness and the tears and in the healing and the
laughter of our pilgrimage.***

***Unburden us from these weighty things. Use these stones
to pave new pathways of love, of hope, of faith through
which we may travel with joy. Release us and set us free to
new life. Amen.***

Passing of the Peace

Scripture

Isaiah 43:15-19

Message

Carol McEntyre

Songs of Response

Sweetly Broken
Beautiful Things

Laying Stones at the Foot of the Cross

Prayer

Giving Our Gifts to God

The New Song We Sing

Song of Response

God is Able

Benediction

Announcements

Worship Notes

The Labyrinth on the front cover is located near Sedona, Arizona.

Sign-Up for a time to walk the Labyrinth

On Thursday, April 2, the labyrinth will be open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sign up for a 30 minute time slot on the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

The labyrinth is a path which leads, via a circuitous route, to the center of an intricate design and back out again. Often during prayer, we get distracted, Labyrinths help us focus as we pray and walk.

The Gift of Years — A Discussion About Growing Older Gracefully

The Gift of Years will be co-facilitated by Bob Russell and Carol McEntyre on Tuesdays at noon over lunch, beginning **April 7 to May 17** in the parlor. In *The Gift of Years*, Catholic nun, activist and author, Joan Chittister, who is now in her 70s, examines how it feels "to be facing that time of life for which there is no career plan." This study is open to people of all ages. The book will be on sale in the church office and before and after worship in the hallway outside the Sanctuary for \$10.

Announcements

Palm Sunday — March 29

Remembering Christ's entry into Jerusalem - a parade along "the way." We will gather at 10:20 am on the front patio, distribute palms, and walk downtown to worship on Broadway with other downtown churches.

Maundy Thursday — April 2

This Holy Day is remembered for the last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. The labyrinth will be available (by reservation) in our Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm for a time of personal meditation. Sign up in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Good Friday — April 3, 7:00 pm

Worship together in memory of Christ's betrayal and crucifixion. Through scripture, spoken word, music and meditation, we experience the suffering and sadness that must occur before the joy of Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt — April 4

Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for activities and treats, along with an egg hunt out on the lawn!

Easter Sunday — April 5, The Celebration of Life

8:15 am	Youth Sunrise Service on the Front Lawn
8:45 am	Breakfast (hallway outside the sanctuary)
9:15 am	Awakening Worship
10:15 am	Sunday morning small groups
11:15 am	Traditional Worship

Announcements

Sunday Schedule for Youth and College/Young Adult Bible Study for Easter Season

March 22

No Calling or College/ Young Adult Bible Study Sunday Night (Spring Break)

March 29

Youth Morning Small Groups will not meet; we will join the congregation for the Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service on Broadway.

The Calling meets at 5:00 pm (we will be working on preparations for the Sunrise Service.

College/ Young Adult will meet for a special Passover lesson and meal from 6:30-8:00 pm

April 5

No Calling or College/ Young Adult (Easter)

April 12

Regular schedule resumes for both The Calling and College/ Young Adult Bible Study

Announcements

CBF Global Missions Offering

From Maimi, China, New York, Ukraine and dozens of places in between, you will find God working and changing lives through Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) ministries. The CBF Offering for Global Missions provides funding for the powerful ministries of more than 130 CBF field personnel. First Baptist will be collecting money to support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions projects **April 5- 26**. To give, simply indicate CBF Global Missions on your check and place your offering in one of the specially marked mission envelopes.

Serving the City is back! Saturday, April 25

The Serving Team is offering our First Baptist family the opportunity to get involved in supporting our community and ministry partners with a day of serving on **Saturday, April 25** from 9:00 am to noon. We will meet at the church that morning for some words of instruction and encouragement and then head out to our ministry sites for the morning. We want to encourage all of our members and friends to join us as we seek to serve the needs of our community. We have tried to include a ministry opportunity for all ages and abilities. Watch for projects and sign up info on the board outside the sanctuary in the weeks to come.

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Extended Session: children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches, USA, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers a traditional worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary.

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