



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

Isaiah 43:19



Our Worship of God

March 1, 2015

11:15 am

(**†** *Indicates those who are able, please stand.*)

The Second Sunday of the Season of Lent — The Way —

Greeting Carol McEntyre

Prelude arr. Benhke

Siyahamba "We Are Marching in the Light of God" (South African)

Call to Worship (responsive)

The pathway is just beginning.

We have encountered the wilderness.

Now we are traveling towards Jerusalem and the cross.

Along the way we will witness astonishing acts of mercy and justice.

Lord, be with us on the journey.

Guide our lives and our steps, we pray. Amen.

+ Processional Hymn

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)



Baby Dedication

Mirek Henley, who was born March 1, 2014. Son of Sam and Crystal Henley.

The Charge to the Parents

<u>Leader:</u> We come today to present Mirek to the church and to dedicate him to God. Sam and Crystal, in presenting your child for this holy purpose, do you promise, in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church, to teach him the gifts of the Christian faith, and by prayer, word, and example to bring him up in the nurture, love, and instruction of Jesus Christ? Do you promise to uphold him as he learns to live in and embrace the mystery and beauty of life?

<u>Parents:</u> We affirm that our child is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation. We make these promises to him this day with God's help.

The Charge to the Congregation

<u>Leader:</u> Brothers and sisters, as Sam and Crystal's church, do you promise your love, care, and example to support and strengthen this family in keeping their promises?

Congregation: We acknowledge God's abounding love already at work in Sam and Crystal, and pledge ourselves in covenant with God and their family to nurture them into the fullness of life. We covenant with Mirek to surround him with God's love for the strengthening of their life together; to be for him a family in Christ whose love for him cannot be broken. We accept Mirek into our loving care for shared responsibility in his growth toward fullness of life in Christ. May we tell him the good news of Christ that he may know himself loved by God and freely give of himself in love to others.

† Passing the Peace

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

Gospel Reading

Beth Marchbanks

Luke 13:31-35 *Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets.*

The Gospel of our Lord. *Praise be to Christ.*

Anthem

My God is So High

arr. Hogan

My God is so high you can't get over Him, He's so low you can't get under Him, He's so wide you can't get 'round Him, You must come in by and through the lamb.

One day as I was a walkin' along the heavnly road, My Savior spoke unto me and He filled my heart with His love.

I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow, And if my Savior helps me I'll blow wherever I'll go.

My God is so high you can't get over Him, He's so low you can't get under Him, He's so wide you can't get 'round Him, You must come in by and through the lamb.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Benhke

Bypassing Expectations

Hugh Emerson, Khaki Westerfield

Dreams (responsive)

Remember waking up with a dream that held you in its power?

We remember hearing the voice of God whispering into our ears and the hand of God resting on our shoulders.

Did you believe your dream could come true? Or did you dismiss your dream as wishful thinking?

> We believed in our dreams with all our hearts. But we were younger then, and no dream was too outlandish or too extravagant for us to chase.

Treasure the dreams God sent you. Let them shape your life. We will not lose confidence in our dreams.

We will dream a dream that belongs to all of us, not to any one of us alone:

where your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions;

where your old women shall wake with hope in their eyes, your young women shall catch their joy, and your children shall imagine more than you ever dreamed: a world where their daytime dreams are blessed and their nightmares are no more;

a world where the blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, and the lame shall dance;

a world where people are not judged by the color of their skin; a world where all God's children feast at the welcome table;

a world where we no longer see in a mirror dimly but face-to-face with Jesus Christ, who dares us to dream God's dream.

We remember the dream God sent us a dream of justice and healing and love. Let us hold fast to the vision of our Dream-Giver God.

Message Carol McEntyre

Preparation for Communion

All Who Hunger Sung to HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming.

Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
taste and see that God is good.

Gathering at the Table of Our Lord

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
The Bread Broken, the Cup Shared

Renewal of Our Church Covenant (unison)

Because we have responded to Christ's call to follow him as disciples and because we find this calling too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,

We covenant together to support and to pray for one another without ceasing; to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes, and caring in all our dealings with one another; to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves and our life together, mindful that our unity does

not require uniformity.

Moreover, we covenant to give first priority to our times of public worship and learning; to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving, faithful service and personal witness; to live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith; and to seek others' forgiveness and God's when we fail to honor this covenant, trusting God's Spirit to renew us in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.

+ Hymn of Commitment

Will You Come and Follow Me Bell/Scottish

see next page Stanza 1 - solo, Stanza 2 - choir, Stanzas 3-5 - all

+ Benediction and Dismissal



Announcements

Worship Notes

The Labyrinth on the front cover was created in New Harmony, Indiana.

Columbia Handbell Ensemble Send-Off Concert

This Tuesday, March 3, the Columbia Handbell Ensemble will be presenting a free concert in the First Baptist sanctuary in preparation for their performance on the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, MN, "A Festival of Music" Concert Series the next weekend. The concert on Tuesday will be the final time the ensemble will play prior to the trip to Minnesota, and we would love for you to hear the group at its finest! The 7:30 pm concert will feature a variety of music, including classical works, favorite hymns tunes (It Is will with My Soul), some American standards and a few Japanese arrangements for bells. It will be varied and great fun - come "send us off" by cheering us on before the mini-tour.

Circle Meeting

The next meeting of the Ann Judson Christian Action Circle will be **March** 5 at 1:00 pm in the library.

Odyssey Chamber Music Series

Odyssey Chamber Music Series presents "Classic POP!" on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church. "The many interns and volunteers working behind the scenes at Odyssey have a moment to shine onstage as they present a program of chamber music, including music by: Ludwig van Beethoven, The Beatles, Dmitri Shostakovich, and Queen."

Announcements

Church Council Meeting

The church council will meet on Monday, **March 9** at 5:30 pm in the library. Light snacks will be provided. Please let the office know if you plan on attending.

Room at the Inn

First Baptist hosts ROOM AT THE INN from **Sunday**, **February 22 to Tuesday**, **March 10** in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers can sign up to serve from the Room at the Inn website, http://www.roomattheinncomo. org/. Sunday morning services will take place as normal, but the space in the Fellowship Hall will be set aside for Room at the Inn the remainder of the time. As we journey through this season of Lent, let us remember those in need in our own community.

Announcements

The Way

Our Lenten Series this year is entitled The Way. Lent is a time of reflection, contemplation and soul-searching. There is nothing like a pilgrimage to conjure that up. This series is inspired by passages in scripture that talk about the journey, roads and the pathways of life; we will make our "way" together through this season beginning this Sunday as we journey with Jesus into the wilderness in Luke chapter 4.

For this worship series, we will offer a unique prayer opportunity to help us find "The Way." We have borrowed an indoor prayer Labyrinth that will be open several times during Lent in the Fellowship Hall for prayer. 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 Labyrinth will be open:

Wednesday, March 11 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Wednesday, March 18 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Thursday, April 2 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, March 1

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour
Various Classrooms, 2nd floor
11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary
4:00 pm Ring and Sing
Sanctuary
5:00 pm The Calling
Youth Suite

7:00 pm Room at the Inn (**7 pm - 7 am, through March 10**)

Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adult Bible Study

Youth Suite

Monday, March 2

Spire Deadline

Tuesday, March 3

6:00 pm Financial Peace University
E-2 (2nd floor next to elevator)
7:30 pm Columbia Handbell Ensemble Send-Off Concert
Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 4

5:30 pm Psalm Players 6:30 pm Chancel Bells

Week At-A-Glance

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Sanctuary

Thursday, March 5

11:45 am CDC GrandfriendsChild Development Center1:00 pm Circle MeetingLibrary

Friday, March 6

7:00 pm Odyssey Concert Series: Classic POP! Sanctuary

Sunday, March 8

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour
Various Classrooms, 2nd floor
11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary
5:00 pm The Calling
Youth Suite
5:00 pm African Worship
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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.

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

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

To view the live webcast of either of our worship services, go to www.ustream.tv. Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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