



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Major Treadway

Prelude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Kellner

Call to Worship

Major Treadway

Sometimes we are dry bones people,
a people without hope.

**God raises us from living graves
and fills us with the Spirit.**

Sometimes we are cut off from one another,
and our sources of joy are dried up.

**God makes a home for us with one another
where we can live with celebration.**

Sometimes we come to worship aimless and fearful.

God gives hope, strange dreams the promise of life.

Let us worship God together!**

***Hymn of Identity 255**

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

(Children meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Caroline Snyder

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Identity 258In Christ We Live*

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Silent Confession

Chad Hartsock

Assurance of Pardon**Pastoral Prayer****Prayer Response Hymn 234***Spirit of the Living God*

TRENTHAM

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

Peggy Dalton

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Offertory Prayer

Ray Dalton

Offertory

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

arr. Kerrick

***Response of Thanksgiving**

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH/Laney

We follow you from morn to night,
your easy yoke, your burden light.

The way is hard and joyful too.

You take our hand; you see us through! Amen.***

Musical Offering

To Sing Once More
Worship Ensemble

Courtney/Cook

Awake our souls to sing once more
the songs that long have silent been.
From troubled nights and fearful days,
Our notes of praise and joy begin,
Our notes of praise and joy begin.
Inspired by hope, compelled by grace,
We sing Your everlasting praise.
Most holy God, Your song we seek
and trust in Your unchanging ways,
and trust in Your unchanging ways.
With comfort, Your eternal voice
is music to our fainting soul.
It speaks in times of hurt and wrong.
It whispers peace, it makes us whole.
It whispers peace, it makes us whole.
Arise, His children, rise again,
Your God and maker now adore.
No longer silent, lift your voice.
Awake your souls to sing once more.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, April 6

- 2:00pm Church Advisory Council/Room 214
5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, April 7

- 6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, April 8

- 10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor
1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, April 9

- 9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301
4:00pm Deacon's Mtg./Room 102
5:00pm WNS (Taco Salad) Fellowship Hall
5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214
6:00pm Music Makers/Room 218
6:00pm Common Prayer Bible Study/Music Ste.
6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste.
7:30pm Budget and Finance Mtg./Parlor

Thursday, April 10

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, April 11—Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, April 13, 2025:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

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Our membership is open to all persons regardless of race, social status, gender, and sexual identity and affirms our motto, “Breaking down barriers to proclaim the love of Christ.”

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Deacons & Minister of the Week: April 6-12

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We are glad that you are here!

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card.

You can also scan the code to submit a prayer request or let us know that you are interested in membership at First Baptist. Response cards and offering envelopes are also available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.