



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
March 21, 2021 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING

Prelude

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Welcome & Announcements

Virtual Check-In

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Song of Preparation

Ashes to Ashes

Ashes to ashes, from dust unto dust, the cross on our forehead, your promise, O God;
Ready us to follow, the way of your Son;
to rise from these ashes, redeemed in the fire of your love
As the highest of heavens surpasses the earth, so the might of God's mercy
is far from our shame

Ashes to ashes, from dust unto dust, the cross on our forehead, your promise, O God;
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Call-to-Worship

Leader: Sometimes we say that we are a people of dry bones; we are a people without hope.

People: God says that we shall be raised up from our living graves and we shall be filled with Spirit

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

People: God says that we shall be at home with one another and we shall live with celebration

Leader: Sometimes we come to worship aimless and fearful.

People: Then God reveals wondrous works of love and we come to know God.

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Hymn

Blessed Assurance

#295

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His spirit, washed in God's love.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God's goodness, lost in God's love.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Invocation

Rev. Mark Rambo

God of mercy, we come to you dry and lifeless, seeking your breath of life. Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith that, with Martha, we may know you to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come. Amen.

The Written Word

Jeremiah 31: 31–34 • The Message

Vern Blair

“That’s right. The time is coming when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won’t be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master.”
God’s Decree.. “This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them – write it on their hearts! – and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about God. They’ll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I’ll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I’ll forget they ever sinned!” God’s Decree.

Mission Moment

America for Christ – Puerto Rico

Wendy Wilson

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that Love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One!

ENTERING GOD'S STORY

The Written Word

Mark 10: 35–52 • NSRV

Debe Andersen

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Song

Give Me Jesus

Darrell Born

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Oh, when I comes to die, oh, when I comes to die, oh, when I comes to dies, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.
Nobody but Jesus, Oh, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

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The Spoken Word

It's Not Going to Be Pretty

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Lenten Slideshow

Belief - Light - Life - Heaven - Clarity - Truth - Presence

The Written Word

Psalm 51: 1-12 • NIV

Emily Blair

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart

David Nash

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me;
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Rambo

Eternal and Almighty God, you have long sought us and we have fled. You have offered us an easy yoke, and we have tied ourselves down with cares and burdens. You have forgiven us, and we have complained against our sisters and brothers. Give us a conversion that turns us around to face the light; teach us a repentance that lives in works of love; lead us into the narrow path; guide us through the valley of the shadow of death. Call us to follow Jesus Christ and in his way to live and suffer, die and rise again.

Gracious and merciful Redeemer, you are the source of our healing and resurrection. We often feel lifeless, hopeless and dried up...but...you knit us back together; you cover us with your flesh of strength; you breathe into us the Spirit of life and hope and love; you raise us up out of our shallow graves of meaninglessness so that we can speak of you into the lives of others who need to be raised. Hear our prayers this day, O, Holy One. Amen.

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Hymn

Love Lifted Me

#317, v 2 & 3

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service too to Him belongs
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me. Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey; He your Savior wants to be – Be saved today.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me. Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!

Weekly Challenge

Postlude

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Benediction

Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently