

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT

Sunday, March 21, 2010 11:00 a.m.

Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another. Tell someone about the goodness of God.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Meditation: *“Your true identity is not in the hands of other people. Your identity can never be what some other person may think about you. You were fashioned by God in your mother’s womb. God knew you intimately before you were born. You are God’s beloved child. This is who you truly are.”*

(Henri Nouwen, From Fear to Love, pg. 22)

THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCH

Prelude **James Bain**
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Michael Burkhardt

Chimes

Welcome and Ministry of the Church **Terrie Tolliver**

*Call to Worship **Psalm 126 Adapted Terrie Tolliver**

Leader: The Lord restored our fortunes and we are like those who dream. Laughter fills our mouth and joy fills our heart.

People: The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoice.

Leader: “May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.”

People: “Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come with shouts of joy.”

*Hymn of Praise **No. 358**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Beecher

*Prayer of Confession **Terrie Tolliver**

Leader: O God, our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, the hope of all who call out to you.

People: Cleanse us from our sins, and from every thought displeasing to you. Cleanse our souls and our bodies, our hearts and consciences, that with pure hearts and clear minds we may come before you.

*Words of Assurance **Psalm 34, 18, 22 Terrie Tolliver**

Leader: “God is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.”

People: “None of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.”

*Congregational Response

“Amazing Grace!”

(stanzas 1, 2 & 3)

No. 422

New Britain

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Lesson

(N.T., Pg. 955)

Lynn Alford

Philippians 3:7-16

Celebrations and Concerns

Prelude to Prayer

“I Come to the Cross”

No. 251

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (“debts”)

Organ Response

“Cries of Faith”

“The Pharisee’s Wife”

Mark 3:1-6

Sheilah Mingo

Scripture Lesson

(O.T., Pg. 586)

Pastor Walker

Isaiah 43:14-21

Anthem

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir

(Text: Hymn 261)

Sermon

“The Grand Gesture”

John 12:1-8

Pastor Walker

Hymn of Dedication

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

No. 506

Walk With Me

THE MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Sentences

Offertory

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

James Bain

Wilbur Held

*Doxology

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen”*

*Prayer of Dedication
*The Peace
*Words of Invitation

*Hymn of Invitation **No. 263**
"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" Martyrdom

(Persons who wish to profess faith in Christ or to unite with this church are invited to come forward.)

*Benediction
*Postlude **James Bain**
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" J.S. Bach

***If able, please stand**
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PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER: Ellen Humphrey (Bea Culton's mother), Juanita Coleman, Pete Wesley, James Prewitt (father of Donna Allix), George Williams, Jameka Armstrong (Ardis Cazeno's niece), Mary Armstrong (Ardis Cazeno's mother), Althea Lockridge, Tama Lockridge, Addie White (mother of Valicia Wiggins), Rip Collins, V-etta Parish (niece of Glenda Strong), Kimberly Manlove (Irene Manlove's daughter), Jeff Buttray, Dr. Marilyn Mason (organ professor at U of M), Myrtle McDonald, the family of Audrey Wilkerson (Carolyn Henderson's cousin), Richard F. Sims, Jr., and Angelo Craig (Ann Richardson's brother)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offering Needed - \$3,600.00

Weekly Offering Received – \$2,499.00

Last Week's Worship Attendance – 62

America for Christ Offering To Date - \$579.00

Lunsford Easter Food Basket Collection - \$203.00

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Fifth
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WITH WILLING HANDS: CONNECT-CARE-CELEBRATE – The America for Christ (AFC) Offering will be collected during the month of March and our 2010 church goal is \$800. Please read the special bulletin insert and use the specially marked envelopes in the pews for your donations. **Be sure to write your name on the envelope.**

“SHARING THE WARMTH” – The “Sharing the Warmth” campaign has a goal of \$18,000 to purchase a new furnace for our sanctuary building. We are asking each of you to commit to giving an additional \$300 over and above your regular support of the church. The campaign will conclude on October 17. Special “Sharing the Warmth” envelopes can be found in the pews. **Please write your name on the envelope**

EASTER LILIES – **Today is the last day** to place your Easter lily order. Please pick up an order form on the small table in the Narthex and give your completed order to Donna Bissett.

EASTER BRUNCH TICKETS – Easter Brunch tickets will be sold in the Narthex lobby after this morning’s service. Please see Angie Cox or Vickie Furman to purchase your tickets. Prices below:

Adult - \$5.00 Child (12 and under) - \$2.00

Or

Family of 4 or 5 - \$15

Family of 6 or more \$25.00

SOUP ‘N SALAD INVITATION – Everyone is invited to a Soup ‘n Salad luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service today. The Missions Committee is hosting this luncheon to acquaint you with “Freedom House” of Detroit.

BIBLE STUDY – The Wednesday morning Bible Study class will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

GUITAR LESSONS – Mr. Mike Kuptz began offering guitar lessons in our Youth Room at 11:00 a.m. yesterday, March 20th. He plans on teaching this class every other Saturday. There is a \$10 registration to cover material. Please contact Mike for further details.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, March 21

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Program
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service/5th Sunday of Lent
12:30 p.m. – Christian Ed. Committee Mtg./CR
12:30 p.m. –Soup & Salad Luncheon/FH

Tuesday, March 23

6:00 p.m. – AA

Wednesday – March 24

10:30 a.m. – Bible Study/CR

Thursday – March 25

6:00 p.m. – Dance/FH

7:00 p.m. – Bell Practice/S

8:00 p.m. – Choir Practice/S

Friday – March 26

6:00 p.m. – AA

Saturday, March 27

12:00 noon – Missions/Easter Food Baskets/FH

Sunday, March 28

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Program
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service/Palm Sunday
12:30 p.m. – Membership Committee Mtg./CR

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SENIORS – Attention all seniors in our congregation. If you are having difficulty paying utility bills (DTE), send a letter to the office explaining your difficulty. Joe Cazeno, a member of FBC-D who works for DTE, may be able to help you find assistance.

CROP WALK – A Crop Walk Recruiters Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 23425 Lahser Road in Southfield. The church is located just north of Nine Mile Road.