

The First Baptist Church at Worship
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany / Communion Sunday

February 6, 2011

10:30 AM

*Our greatest fear is not that we are inadequate,
but that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness, that frightens us.
We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant,
gorgeous, handsome, talented and fabulous?*

*Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.*

*Your playing small does not serve the world.
There is nothing enlightened about shrinking
so that other people won't feel insecure around you.
We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us.
It is not just in some; it is in everyone.*

*And, as we let our own light shine, we consciously give
other people permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our fear,
our presence automatically liberates others.*

- Marianne Williamson

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

*Preludes on two themes of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34 and Song 22)
and on "Jesu dulcis memoriae" Charles Villiers Stanford*

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

We Have Come to Join in Worship Holy Manna

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Us In (CCLI 1826847)

Marty Haugen was born in Minnesota and grew up in the American Lutheran Church. In 1997 he penned these words to remind us of the all encompassing nature of Christianity and the importance of the act of communion in our spiritual lives.

**Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in; our spirits in flame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;**

**gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we receive new life in the waters;
here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not just in buildings, small and confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is God present, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jim Earnest

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God

(#320 Celebrating Grace Hymnal)



*WELCOME & PASSING OF PEACE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*(Please register your attendance by filling out a YELLOW CARD
from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag this morning.)*

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand,
and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Allyson Black

Isaiah 58:1-12: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

The Bread of Life Kent Newburry

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jim Earnest

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Matthew 5:13-16: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Glory be to you, O Lord.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#779 *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*
ST. PETERSBURG

Brian Wren, one of our most significant 20th century hymn writers, penned these words in 1973. On this communion Sunday we are reminded of the significant events of humility Christ taught to his disciples in that upper room, presenting those events as a pattern for Christian living.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Choir

"This Little Light of Mine"

Leah Brough, Director

(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)

CALL TO PRAYER #112 v.1 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Rod Kennedy

THE SERMON Rev. Jason Alspaugh

"Don't Hold Back"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY R. Alan Kimbrough

Prelude on "Schmücke dich" Johannes Brahms

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You*
(#670 Celebrating Grace Hymnal)

Take my gifts and let me love You, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shel-ter gave me life and set me free.
Now be-cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a-way,
now the bread of love is ris-ing, loaves of love to mul-ti-ply.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Allyson Black

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Celebrants: Dr. Rod Kennedy and Rev. C. Roland Marcus)

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Dr. Rod Kennedy

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you with thoughts not attentive to your will and too much in concert with the world, in words that are hurtful to our neighbors and disrespectful of others, and in deeds that fail to glorify your name. We have not loved you with our whole heart because we have loved other things first; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves because we are too much a part of the divisions and barriers of race and class. We are truly sorry and we repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Dr. Rod Kennedy

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts & Debtors)*

BREAKING THE BREAD Dr. Rod Kennedy

Here, at Your Table, Lord - Congregation
(#455 Celebrating Grace Hymnal)

**Here, at Your table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel You near, in loving power,
calling our thoughts away from self and sin,
as to Your banquet hall we enter in.**

**Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
touch with Your pierced hand each common day,
making this earthly life full of Your grace,
till in the home of heaven, we find our place.**

SHARING THE CUP Rev. C. Roland Marcus

"I Am Thine, O Lord" arr. Phillips
Debbie Lindley

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING Rev. C. Roland Marcus

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
DENNIS

John Fawcett wrote this hymn describing his feelings for his congregation in Yorkshire, England. The tie that binds us together as Christians is the same that ties us to Christ. As we go forth we can rejoice in that which ties us together in Christian love.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION *May the Love of the Lord*
(#515 Celebrating Grace Hymnal)

May the love of the Lord rest up-on your soul.
May God's love dwell in you through-out ev-ery day.
May God's coun-ter-nance shine up-on you and be gra-cious to you.
May God's spi-rit be up-on you as you leave this place.

*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

"Rondeau" from Sinfonies De Fanfares John Joseph Mouret



(See insert for announcements.)

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"This Little Light of Mine" by Kanayo Ede

Our Mission Statement:

To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.

- Dr. Rodney Wallace Kennedy, *Lead Pastor*
- Rev. Jason Alspaugh, *Associate Pastor Children & Youth*
- Rev. C. Roland Marcus, *Associate Pastor*
- Rev. James Earnest, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Rev. C. Donald Thrash, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Ray Landis, *Music Director*
- Gregory Land, *Organist*
- R. Alan Kimbrough, *Organist*
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