

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 11:15am

Pre-service Music

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

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- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

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- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

(Silence for prayerful confession)

Absolution

Song:

"The Heart of Worship"
by Matt Redman

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
Longing just to bring, something that's of worth, that will bless Your Heart.
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within, through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

Chorus: I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You,
it's all about You, Jesus.

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You,
it's all about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express, how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath.
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within, through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

Chorus: I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You,
it's all about You, Jesus.

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You,
it's all about You, Jesus.

"Your Name"

by Paul Baloche

Verse 1: As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

Chorus: Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Verse 2: Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

(Chorus)

(Interlude)

**Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other**

**Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save**

(Chorus)

Prayer Time Concluded with Our Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Baptism (Sunday): Gwyneth Tiffany Galow

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Welcome

Pastor Randy Bard

Children's Time

DCE Jeff Bellach

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

- A** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
C **The founder and perfecter of our faith,**
A Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
C **And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Amen**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my

Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon: The Law...Built Upon the Gospel!

Pastor Tim Eden

Offerings

*(Members & guests please tear off the attendance card on the back of this bulletin,
fill it out and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at www.blcbcs.org)*

The Service of Holy Communion

Preface Prayer

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth,

C For You have shown us mercy beyond what we could ever imagine. You gave for us Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We thank You for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him Who comes to us in His body and blood. Amen.

Pastor Speaks the Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. Amen.

The congregation shares "The Peace of the Lord".

Distribution of the Sacrament and Songs:

"At the Cross"

by Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman

(Verse 1): There's a place

Where mercy reigns and never dies

There's a place

Where streams of grace flow deep and wide

Where all the love I've ever found

Comes like a flood comes flowing down

(Chorus): At the cross at the cross

I surrender my life

I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You

Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white

I owe all to You I owe all to You,

Jesus

(Verse 2): There's a place

Where sin and shame are powerless

Where my heart

**Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down**

(Chorus)

**(Bridge): Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow**

(Chorus), (Chorus)

**(Tag): I owe all to You I owe all to You,
Jesus**

**"Worthy Is the Lamb"
by Darlene Zschech**

**(Verse) Thank You for the cross, Lord. Thank You for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank You for this love, Lord. Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow; now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace.**

**(Chorus) Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns; You reign victorious,
high and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,
the darling of heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.**

**(Verse), (Chorus)
(Chorus)**

Worthy is the Lamb. (3 times)

Benediction

Closing Song:

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

By Chris Tomlin

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

(Chorus), (Chorus)

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine**

**(Tag): Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

Announcements

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