

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 8, 2011

Third Sunday of Easter

“We come to praise God’s faithfulness”

Prelude

Work of the Church

Rev. England Cole

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

“Bring Many Names”

Young

Acolyte Greeting

Jackson Hawkins

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn #334

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

*Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

David Kreutzer

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, AMEN.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen, Amen.

“To listen for God’s guidance”

Celebration of Christian Baptism

Douglas Kennedy

Scripture

Singing

“Wade in the Water”

*Wade in the water, Wade in the water children
wade in the water. God’s gonna trouble the water.*

Reader 1: Brothers and sisters, we are here today because
God calls to us and speaks to us through the waters of
baptism.

Reader 2: We are here today because we were immersed
deeply in God’s love and gained new life, a new identity, a
new mission and a new way of living in the world.

**Many: We gained a family. We gained each other.
Here and elsewhere.**

Reader 1: We are here because God’s acts of liberation
throughout the world were made known through the
waters;

**Many: From the hovering of God’s Spirit upon the
waters of creation to the deliverance of God’s people
through the flood and the Red Sea;**

Reader 2: From the waters of Jordan that healed Naaman’s
leprosy to the healing of the man who waited for the waters
to be troubled;

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Reader 1: In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus, nurtured
him in the water of Mary’s womb, baptized him by John,
and anointed him with God’s Spirit.

Reader 2: Jesus called his disciples to share in the baptism of
his life, death and resurrection and to make disciples of all
nations.

**Many: Today, we remember anew that God is
troubling the waters everywhere.**

Reader 1: Every drop of water is a sign of God’s salvation in
our midst.

**Many: God is doing a new thing in our midst. Living
Water poured out on us. Hallelujah, praise to God!**

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Baptismal Prayer
Christian Baptism

Singing

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Morning Prayer

*Hymn

“God, When I Came into This Life”

LAND OF REST

1 God, when I came in - to this life, you
2 You give me free - dom to be - lieve; to -
3 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
4 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
5 So help me in my un - be - lief and
called me by my name; To - day I come, com -
day I make my choice, And to the wor - ship
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, Let your - great Spir - it
let my life be true: Feet firm - ly plant - ed
mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
of the church I add my learn - ing voice.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Offertory & Offering

*Doxology #638, (third stanza)

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

“To proclaim God’s word”

Anthem	“Give Me Jesus”	<i>Spiritual</i>
Scripture Reading NT#21		Matthew 20: 1-16
Sermon	“The Gospel Train”	Dr. Moore

“To respond in faith”

Call to Commitment

*Hymn #209 “Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee” REDENTORE

*Benediction

Postlude

* If able, please stand.

The acolytes today are Alcie Kreutzer, Jackson Hawkins, Elizabeth Mosley.

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**Sardis Baptist Church
Worship Staff**

Rev. Tillie Duncan, Rev. Mandy England Cole,
Dr. Tim Moore, pastors;
Pam Greenwood, minister of music;
Irena Hramenkova, pianist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sardis Academy continues Wednesdays through May 25. A Fellowship Dinner begins at 5:45PM (please make a reservation), academy sessions begin at 6:30, and choir begins at 7:30.
- The Tweens and their fathers are invited to an overnight at the lake house May 20-21. Contact Mandy for more details.
- Prayer in the garden will take place at 10 AM on Saturday, May 14th.
- The Outreach Committee will meet following worship on May 15th.
- The Preschool & Children Committee will meet following worship on May 22nd.
- Remember to collect items such as rough cap plastic lids, batteries, wire hangers, CFL’s, egg cartons, aluminum can tabs, and Box Tops for Education. These items can be left in the collection area in Elizabeth Mosley’s Sunday school classroom.

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WORSHIP

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*Sin and grace,
absence and presence,
tragedy and comedy,
they divide the world
between them and
where they meet head on,
the Gospel happens.
-Frederick Buechner*


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