

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 3, 2011
Fourth Sunday in Lent

“We come to praise God’s faithfulness”

Prelude

Work of the Church Rev. England Cole

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship Psalm 27:14

Acolyte Greeting Matthew Mosley Mair

*Lift up your heads.
We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Hymn #441 “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart” McDaniel

*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.

*Response “We Adore You, Jesus Christ” Taizé

A - do - ra - mus te Chris - te, be - ne - di - ci - mus ti - bi,
We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name;

qui - a per cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum,
tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing,

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“To listen for God’s guidance”

Extinguishing the Tenebrae Candle
Scripture Reading NT#31 Matthew 26:69-75
Scripture Response

*Thy word is a lamp unto our feet,
and a window into our souls.*

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #297, v. 3 “Search Me, O God” ELLERS

Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us our blindness. Forgive us for the ways we don’t recognize our own capability to do wrong, to make mistakes, and to deny you. We think so highly of ourselves, Lord. Forgive us also for the ways we don’t see our true identity when we exaggerate our faults, fixate on our shortcomings, and are paralyzed by self-doubt. We think so little of ourselves, Lord. Our ability to truly know ourselves is clouded by pride, fear, self-loathing and so many other motives. How is it that we expect to know you when we don’t really even know ourselves? Help us to see ourselves as you do. Help us to see clearly our own vulnerability and strength. Help us to recognize who we truly are. Forgive us our blind spots and our tunnel vision, Lord.

*(In silence, you are invited to offer your personal confessions to God.
Where are you not seeing the truth about yourself? What might your ‘blind spots’ be? How can God reveal the truth about you to you?)*

Kyrie Choir

Assurance of Pardon

For now we see through a glass dimly, now we know only in part, even as we are fully known by God. And God’s love is patient and kind. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. God’s love for you never ends. *[adapted from I Corinthians 13]*

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Invitation to the Table Dr. Moore

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Hymn “Just as I am” WOODWORTH

*Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God,
I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God,
I come, I come!*

Church Covenant Rev. Duncan

We, the members of Sardis Baptist Church, believing in and committed to serving Jesus Christ, do covenant with one another.

As a church family, we promise:

To faithfully live our lives in such a way that we will honor Christ;

To glorify God through the praise and prayer of congregational worship;

To openly examine the Bible for knowledge and to deepen our relationship with God;

To diligently pray for one another, the church, and for God’s peace and justice in the world;

To share the good news of God’s love and salvation with those we meet;

To serve in our community & give to global missions;

To respect each other’s faith journey, demonstrate tolerance and acceptance, and willingly resolve conflict in a spirit of love and patience;

To support one another in living this covenant by recognizing and encouraging the spiritual gifts given to all persons of this church family.

Morning Prayer Rev. England Cole

*Hymn #369 “As He Gathered at His Table” STUTTGART

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	“Tableau of Sorrow”	<i>Martin</i>
Scripture Reading NT#95		John 9:1-41
Sermon	“Blinded by Sight”	Dr. Tim Moore

“To respond in faith”

Call to Commitment

***Hymn #502** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” SCOTT

***Benediction**

Postlude

* If able, please stand.

The acolytes today are Erin Kennedy, Matthew Mair, and Grey Sigmon.

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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

- Lenten Communion at the Labyrinth continues Tuesdays through April 19th. Drop in to walk the labyrinth and receive communion between 5 and 7PM. The guide is available in the box at the labyrinth if you’d like to walk an alternative time during the week.
- Youth will meet tonight, April 3 at 6PM. Officer Clark of CMPD will lead the youth in a discussion of technology and safety.
- A Church Work Day will be April 9 from 9-12.
- Tween Time will be Apr 10 at 3PM.
- A Taize service will be held Apr 10 at 6PM.
- A Church Conference will be held April 17 following worship.

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“We are forever seeing. When we dream, we see. When we stare in front of us, we see. When we close our eyes to rest, we see... We see clearly or vaguely, but always we find something to see.”

-Henri Nouwen


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