

SHARE

Welcoming and Covenant with New Members

In response to your decision,
we pledge ourselves
to be the family of God for you in this place.
We offer you our love, our care,
our kinship, and our hopes.
We hope to learn from you,
give to you, and receive from you
by God's grace.

Benediction

Steve Wells

Postlude

Fugue in C minor
(Felix Mendelssohn)
Yuri McCoy

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given in honor of Dorothy Griffin on the occasion of her 97th birthday with love from her children, Jimmy, Jana, Debbie, and Alyson, as well as her 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

We joyously celebrate the birth of Benjamin Sam Cate to parents John and Tiffany and big brother, Jack. The rose on the platform symbolizes our love for and blessing on Ben and his family and our gratitude to God on the occasion of his birth on March 7, 2024.

Guest QR Code



Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Please scan this QR code to share your information so we can connect with you this week.

DISCOVER/SHARE

Easter Sunday Schedule

This year on Easter Sunday we'll offer worship services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Join us for glorious Easter worship as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, praising from the depths of our souls Christ who died and rose again.

Midtown Music Concert

On Friday, March 22 at 7:00 PM, South Main hosts the Baylor University A Cappella Choir under the direction of Dr. Kristina MacMullen. The choir is the flagship choral ensemble at Baylor, singing at national conventions around the country and taking regular domestic and international tours. Join us for an incredible evening of glorious choral music.

Blood Drive

On Sunday, March 24 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Commons, South Main will host one of the six blood drives we offer each year. Appointments are encouraged to help streamline your donation process, but walk-ins are accepted as well.

Sunday Fellowship Lunch

Regular: Beef or chicken enchiladas, Mexican beans, chips & salsa, and dessert (\$12)
Kids: drumsticks, mac & cheese, green beans, and dessert (\$7).



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THE WAY OF THE CROSS

WORSHIP
MARCH 17, 2024
10:00 AM
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Jesus, Master, have compassion on us!

Luke 17:13

Walking through Worship Today

What does it mean to be made whole?
When Jesus healed ten men with leprosy on His way to Jerusalem, only one returned to express gratitude. Only one was truly made whole. This morning, though there was only one who faithfully returned, we sing as a thousand tongues of our "Great Redeemer's praise." The hymn *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* ponders Christ's presence and ability to "make [His] broken people whole." Through the Sanctuary Choir's anthem, *Come By Here*, we pray for Christ's presence, and the piece culminates in a litany of all the times in our lives when Christ is indeed here with us. And like the one leper who returned, we respond in gratitude, counting our many blessings for what the Lord has done.

GATHER

Tolling the Hour

Prelude

Wondrous Love
(arr. Marilyn Ham)
Steve Scott, piano

Call to Worship

Greg Funderburk
Minister for Pastoral Care

PRAISE

Hymn 332

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Morning Prayer

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Amy Brown,
Minister to Youth

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
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.

REFLECT

Hymn 540

We Cannot Measure How You Heal
(As directed, children in 2nd grade and younger
are invited to come to the organ side to leave
with Miss Alyssa, Minister to Children.)

Anthem

Come By Here
(arr. Kyle Pederson)
Sanctuary Choir

Come by here, my Lord, come by here...
O Lord, come by here.

Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here...
O Lord, come by here.

Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here...
O Lord, come by here.

In the morning, Lord,
In the evening, Lord,
In my waking, Lord,
In my sleeping, Lord,
In my pleading, Lord,
Waiting, caring, Lord,
In my loving, blessing, grieving, hoping,
In my longing, falling, hiding, rising,
Healing, aching, laughing, praising,
Seeking, finding, breathing, dying,
Lord, You are here!

Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
O Lord, You are here.

Good News

Steve Wells, Pastor

RESPOND

Hymn

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

[Refrain]

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

[Refrain]

Offertory

Softly and Tenderly
(arr. Raymond Brown)
Kelsey Cogliano, soloist

Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

Dan Masterson

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