

Prayers of the People

God be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to God.

Church Member

Offertory

Church Organist

+ The Singing of the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

+ Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God: the God who lays down God's weapons.
We believe in Jesus: humbled on earth to be baptized with us.
We believe in the Holy Spirit: like a dove watching over us.
We believe in Love: the Love who is God.

Senior Pastor

Celebration of Holy Communion

We believe that communion is the fulfillment of an ancient vision: Judas and Jesus at the same table. Therefore, you don't have to be a member of this church or any church to partake in the table of grace.

Words of Institution

Church Member

Prayer of Consecration

Clergy

Distribution of the Elements

+ Passing of the Peace

+ Hymn of Response

In the Midst of New Dimensions

The love of God calls us again and again to respond in new and creative ways. If part of your response today is to join this church or become a Christian, please come forward during this hymn, and one of our ministers will be happy to greet you.

Sing Chorus, Verse 4, and the Chorus again. Lyrics on inside panel.

+ Welcome to New Members

We affirm you in your Christian Decision. We welcome you among us. We pledge to be for you a family of faith: learning with and from you, worshipping with you, laughing with you, and when needed, crying with you. Amen.

+ Life of the Church and Pastoral Benediction

Senior Pastor

+ Congregational Benediction

Arise, Your Light is Come!

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail; in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end.
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Postlude Meditation and the Sending of the Cross

Church Organist



Noah and the Rainbow, Marc Chagga



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BAPTIST CHURCH

The people gather | February 18, 2018 | First Sunday of Lent

The Worship of God

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

Gathering

The Ringing of the Trinity Chimes

Church Carillonist

Psalter Reading and Invocation

Church Member (Today's Liturgist)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies rule over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they endure forever.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble the way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Prelude Meditation and the Bringing of the Cross

Church Organist

During Lent, the Christ candle, representing Jesus' light and unpredictable Spirit is replaced by a cross, reminding us of the suffering savior.

Introit

Shades of Purple, Shades of Blue

+ Processional Hymn no. 4

In the Midst of New Dimensions

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

[Chorus] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,

Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? [Chorus]

As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,

Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams [Chorus]

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,

Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. [Chorus]

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,

May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. [Chorus]

Confession and Absolution

Time for Young Disciples

Children's Minister

Children are invited to the front for a sermon just for them!

Song for our Children

Where Children Belong

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.**

Prayer of Confession

Church Member

After each petition, please respond by saying together:

Lord, hear our prayer

Choral Anthem

Mercy

Chancel Choir

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Clergy

A promise of salvation!

Thanks be to God!

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Pastor

Even as we mourn this Lenten season, God is with us. In recognition of your repentance, and in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God!

Listening for the Words of God

+ Hymn of Discipleship no. 73

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

+ Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Church Staff

The Gospel According to Saint Matthew

According to you, Oh God.

+ Singing of the Gloria Patri no. 704

Glory be to the Father

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Clergy

God set down the bow.

God, may we do the same.

Sermon

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Senior Pastor

Responding

Silence for Reflection