

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

10:50 AM



Welcome back to Worship at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! Please enter through the Breezeway Narthex doors and follow the instructions of the Greeters and Ushers. Should you need a restroom, the Narthex family bathroom is available. After the service begins, both Narthex bathrooms will be available.

** Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Based on Jeremiah 31)*

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant...it will not be like the old covenant:

People: Written on stone.

Leader: This will be a radically new covenant, my laws will be within you

People: Written on hearts.

Leader: And God added these wonderful words - I am your God and you are my people.

People: Imprint these words anew on our hearts, O God, so that we know you in all your fullness, love you as you love us, and worship you as you deserve.

ALL: Let us worship God.

HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

Rebecca Castillo

(In lieu of Congregational singing, our Socially Distant Choir has pre-recorded our Hymns for this morning. You are invited to ponder the text as the images as shown on the screens.)

Change my heart, O God;
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
May I be like you.

You are the Potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
This is what I pray.

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We know all too well, when we do sin, that we do it against you, O God.

People: **When we do evil in your sight, O God, you are justified in your judgment of our misdeeds. So let us offer our confession:**

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Have mercy on us, God of steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy, blot out all our wrongdoings. Cleanse us thoroughly from all our sins. You desire truth in all we think, and do and say; therefore etch your wisdom on the innermost places of our hearts. Wash and scrub our sins away until we are free from imperfection. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us. Do not cast us from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit so that we can respond joyfully to your intention for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Based on Hebrews 5:9)*

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus, having been made perfect, became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. And so I declare to you: in Jesus Christ, we are renewed, we are cleansed, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patty Blome

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. May that glory shine in our hearts as we hear your Word. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Give Me Jesus"

Laurie Mitchell

In the morning, when I rise.
In the morning, when I rise.
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus.

Just above the break of day,
Just above the break of day,
Just above the break of day, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You may have all this world, Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You may have all this world, Give me Jesus

Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You may have all this world, Give me Jesus.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Open Our Eyes"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:20-33

SERMON *"Purple Daze, Part 5: Opening Our Eyes to See Jesus"* Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd
"...Sir, we wish to see Jesus." -John 12:21

Responding to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

(The Apostles' Creed)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: You call us to speak to you in prayer– even when the places we would usually go to are not available.

People: **Help us to know your Spirit's presence wherever we pray.**

Leader: Today we especially pray for those who are living in fear – give them your strength.

People: **For those who have not yet realized the urgency of the situation – protect them, and all of us from harm.**

Leader: As we deal with the practicalities of protecting people from Coronavirus, we continue to remember our calling to care for the other, always being mindful that our call is always to respond to the good news in Jesus.

People: **We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,**

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. Amen.

A TIME OF GIVING

Contributions may be placed in the wooden offering box in the Narthex on your way out, or you can give online at www.springbranchpres.org/give.

Departing to Serve

HYMN

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for Worship this morning! Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you by row.

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Calendar of Events

March 21 — **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

9:30 am Explorers SS Class (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
10:50 am Worship

March 22 — **Monday**

7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

March 23 — **Tuesday**

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 pm Session

March 24 — **Wednesday**

7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

March 25 — **Thursday**

March 26 — **Friday**

March 27 — **Saturday**

11:00 am Hot Meals

March 28 — **Palm Sunday**

10:00 am Drive-In Worship

March 29 — **Monday**

March 30 — **Tuesday**

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study

March 31 — **Wednesday**

April 1 — **Maundy Thursday**

6:00 pm Drive-Thru Dinner: Baked Ziti!

April 2 — **Good Friday**

April 3 — **Holy Saturday**

Prayer Vigil





Information about our Holy Week services will be shared with the Congregation as it becomes available. Be on the lookout for emails about how we will worship as a community as we continue through this Lenten season. The videos and SBPC website links will be released on the day of that Holy Week Service.

PALM SUNDAY – March 28th

Drive-In Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Streaming on Facebook Live

www.facebook.com/springbranchpres



MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 1st

Drive-Thru Dinner at 6:00 PM (Baked Ziti)

More details to follow

www.springbranchpres.org/Maundy-Thursday-2021

GOOD FRIDAY – April 2nd

Good Friday Video Devotional

More details to follow

www.springbranchpres.org/Good-Friday-2021



PRAYER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY – April 3rd

The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Do you miss being in our beautiful sanctuary? Well here is the perfect opportunity for you to come safely and comfortably use it! The church sanctuary will be reserved solely for the Prayer Vigil on this day. Coming soon, a digital and paper and sign-up sheet will available for selecting individual 1-hour time slots. You may participate both in the Sanctuary or from your home. Watch for more information, and a request for prayer concerns to be included in the Prayer Vigil aids and materials.

EASTER – April 4th

Drive-In Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Celebrate our Risen Lord from the comfort of your car in the church parking lot.

Tune your radio to FM 89.5!

Streaming on Facebook Live

www.facebook.com/springbranchpres



Announcements & Events

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00am on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch your email for instructions to join. We hope to see you there!

The Evening PW Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 PM via Zoom to discuss Lesson 7 of *Into The Light*. Please contact Carol Davis at caroldavis@entouch.net to receive a Zoom invitation. The Lesson 7 video can be viewed at www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light.

During this season of Lent and Easter, we are inviting the SBPC family and friends to submit pictures of you and your family completing the activities from our **Lent in Sack and Holy Week kits**. Please submit your pictures to Miguel in the church office. We will be showcasing these pictures in future newsletters and worship services. Thank you!

We will have Easter Lilies again this year! Place your order now through Friday, April 2nd. You can order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office, contacting Ethan Mitchell at ethan@springbranchpres.org, calling the Church and leaving a voicemail (713-464-7659), or using this [Google Form](https://forms.gle/2snyd16ggw35rAB99) (<https://forms.gle/2snyd16ggw35rAB99>). The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering box on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. The 2021-2022 Scholarship Application can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.springbranchpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-2022-Scholarship-Application.pdf>.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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February 17-April 24, 2021

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Ways to Give:

- Through your congregation
- Donate by credit card online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
- Text OGHS to 91999 to give

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. Our gifts help to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People.



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