



February 10, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

First United Methodist Church

1928 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75201

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Dr. Andrew C. Stoker, Senior Minister

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Please stand as you are able.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Please ask an usher about using one of the receivers in our assisted hearing system.+

Prelude to Worship

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

Anon.

Invitation and Intention for Worship

Dr. Andy Stoker

Introit

Yesu ni Rafiki (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)
Jason Schayot, percussion; Counterpoint and Cantate Choirs

arr. Mark Burrows

*Processional Hymn No. 73

O Worship the King
(verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

LYONS

*A Modern Affirmation

The Reverend Evan Jones

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth
CCGD Women's Youth Chorus

arr. Jim Leininger

Children's Sermon *(Please sing as the children come forward.)*

Leah Bailey

Refrain: **All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.**

(Refrain)

Call to Prayer

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)
CCGD Women's Youth Chorus

Caccini/Moore

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend JoNell Lindh

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel 12:1-15

Dr. Stoker

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Facing the Sacred

Dr. Stoker

*Prayer of Confession

**O merciful God,
We confess that we have not acknowledged you
as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves.
We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong
Than to praise when all is well.
We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls.
Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us
Than sensitivity and service.
We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute
For living encounters with the persons you have called us to love.
Forgive us, compassionate Redeemer,
And grant us the opportunity to start over again.
Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past
Or from new evils that could mislead or destroy.
In the name of Christ,
We offer our earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Sofia Mares and Kay-Lee Tharp

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Rebecca Cauthron, flute and Rogene Russell, oboe
CCGD Women's Youth Chorus

arr. Mack Wilberg

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship Dr. Stoker

*Hymn of Invitation No. 368 *My Hope Is Built* THE SOLID ROCK
(verses 1, 2 and 3)

*Benediction Dr. Stoker

Postlude *Fugue in G Major* J. S. Bach

Acolytes are Cade Beal-Knight and Caleb Kerski.

The altar flowers are given in honor of the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas.

Tim Effler is the service organist. Linda McClinchie directs the Counterpoint Choir. Kiira Russell directs the Cantate Choir.

We welcome our guest choir, The Women's Youth Chorus of the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas, and their conductor Kelly Pfaffenberger. Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas (CCGD) is one of America's largest and most prestigious youth choral programs, and serves as the official children's chorus of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. CCGD's Women's Youth Chorus is one of eight choral ensembles comprising more than 500 children and teens in grades 4-12, drawn from 54 communities throughout a 33-mile radius of downtown Dallas. More than 34,000 people will attend CCGD's performances this season, including CCGD's Deloitte Concert Series at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

The small cross on the altar celebrates the birth of Rhys Elizabeth Ann Sandberg, daughter of Aaron and Jennifer Sandberg. The cross was lovingly handmade by FirstChurch member Joan Bexley.

FirstChurch's assisted hearing system has fifteen receivers for use during worship in the sanctuary. These may be checked out from the Communications Department prior to each service. In addition, members and visitors are invited to bring their own portable FM radios with headphones and tune to 107.7 to hear the service.

This service is being broadcast on live streaming video on our church website and re-broadcast at 5:30 a.m. Sundays on WFAA-TV Channel 8.

***Join us for worship next Sunday, February 17
6th Sunday after the Epiphany***

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

The Reverend Ann Willet's Message: *"Becoming the Hope"*

Ruth 1:6-19