

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## The Third Sunday in Lent

### OUR FAITH FAMILY ... GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening of the Scriptures and Lighting of the Christ Candle

# The Welcome to Worship . . . . . Laura Edgar

### OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PRAISING

\* The Call to Praise . . . . . Annalee Isbell

Leader: Come, let us sing a new song to God.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us enter God's presence with thanksgiving.

**People: Make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

Leader: O come, let us worship.

**People: Let us listen to God with open hearts!**

\* Hymn 417 *Fill the Earth with Music* . . . . . WYE VALLEY

\* The Invocation . . . . . Annalee Isbell

The Scripture Reading *Exodus 17:1-7* . . . . . Morris Driggers  
(page 56 of the pew Bible)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

# The Instrumental Interlude

### OUR FAITH FAMILY ... SHARING

Prayer Concerns of Our Church and World . . . . . Tripp Martin

The Sung Prayer of Confession. . . . . Carter  
*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God; Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

The Silent Confession

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer . . . . . Tripp Martin

**Our Father, which 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.**

### OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PROCLAIMING

\* Hymn 633 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* . . . . . ALL THE WAY

The Children's Period . . . . . Tripp Martin

Preparation for Scripture 690 . . . . . MOON  
*What Does the Lord Require of You*

**What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?  
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.  
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.**

The Scripture Reading *John 4:5-42* . . . . . Laura Edgar  
(page 864 of the pew Bible)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Choral Worship *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*. . . . . arr. G. Martin  
The Sanctuary Choir

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:  
Greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.  
If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of our Lord.

The Sermon. . . . . Tripp Martin  
*In This Place*

### OUR FAITH FAMILY ... RESPONDING

\* Hymn of Commitment 566 . . . . . ST. ANNE  
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

This song affords all of us a chance to consider the steps God would have us take in response to today's worship. If you would like to make a public commitment today, the minister will greet you at the front of the sanctuary and present you to the congregation.

\* The Reception of New Members

The Offertory Prayer . . . . . Morris Driggers

The Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* . . . . . arr. King  
Bryan King, organist

The Introduction of New Members

\* The Spoken Benediction . . . . . Tripp Martin

\* The Sending Out of God's Light and Word

\* The Sung Benediction *Always By Our Side* . . . . . YE BANKS AND BRAES

**In worship, Lord, Your name we raise  
and pray for Your grace and peace for our lives.  
As followers of the Living God  
we long for Your perfect wisdom and light.  
To grow, to serve as Godly children,  
we ask that each day on life's journey You will guide.  
As we depart to live for You, be ever, always by our side.**

\* standing as able

# ushers will seat worshippers

In order to preserve an atmosphere of worship, we respectfully request that all electronic devices be silenced.

The children of the church and our youth lead us into worship by opening the scriptures and lighting the Christ Candle, and then lead us out into the world as we are sent forth.

**Children's worship activity kits** are available for children in grades K-3 at each entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one for your child as you enter, then please return it as you exit the sanctuary. Children in kindergarten/first grade will return to their class after the Children's Period. If this is your first time to participate with this group, please have an adult leave with you to complete an emergency-information card.

The **Lay Worship Leader** for March is Annalee Isbell. Annalee is a junior at Auburn University studying Integrative Biology with a minor in French. She plans to attend optometry school after graduation. Annalee has attended Auburn First Baptist Church her entire life and is incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement from this church community through every step. She is an active member of the college ministry and serves on the College Committee.

**Acknowledgments:** *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* - from Ps 50, setting © 1997 Hope Publishing Co. • *What Does the Lord Require of You* - Jim Strathdee, © 1986 Desert Flower Music • *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* - text by Frederick W. Faber (public domain), arr. © 2004 The Sacred Music Press (Lorenz Corp.) • *Always By Our Side* - text written for AFBC by Eddie Vinson Riley • All texts used by permission. CCLI No. 11445330.