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Carmelle Beaugeli, *Renacimiento*



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The lectionary for Year A offers us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night, he approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, and a deeper faith. This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore, to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life and into the heart of God.

Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Welcome

The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts, Dale Wood

The Affirmation of Faith

Mark Judd and Congregation

We believe in a God who meets us wherever we go. Who is with us in the shadows and in the light. Who welcomes our questions, who invites us to begin again. We believe that Jesus showed us a new way to a deeper faith. We believe that no matter how many times we lose our way, God always welcomes us home again. Amen.

*The Hymn

Congregation

Our Great Savior, No. 89

Stanzas 1,2, and 3 only

The Call to Confession

Alissa Vance and Ellie Martin

Genesis 12:1-5a

The Prayer of Confession

Alissa Vance

God of new life, you call us into unknown places, **and we bury our heads in the sand.**
You promise you will be with us as we go to new places, **but we doubt it can be true.**
You speak of new life in the Spirit, **yet we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.**
Over and over, you invite us to draw ourselves closer to you and nearer to our neighbor.
Show us the way, forgive our hesitancies. Give us the courage to begin again. Amen.

The Words of Forgiveness

Ellie Martin

Family of faith, hear the Good News and believe:
There is grace to God's love that is more forgiving than we can imagine.
We belong to God, we are held by God's grace, we can begin anew.

***The Hymn**

Congregation

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound, No. 502

*Children, ages pre-K to 3rd grade, will leave for their time of worship
and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit.*

***The Gospel Lesson**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

John 3:1-17

The Sermon

Seeking: How Do We Begin Again?

The Response

Chancel Choir

Christ Goes Before, Vadja/Schalk

Congregation sings as invited: **Christ goes before, and we are called to follow; and all who follow find the way, the truth, the life.**

***The Offertory Prayer**

Vicki Buster

The Offertory

Jonathan Oblander

There is a Balm in Gilead, Aaron David Miller

***The Congregational Response**

Congregation

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***The Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

***The Postlude**

Jonathan Oblander

In Christ there is no East or West, Gilbert M. Martin

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God to celebrate the memory of Ida Lee Waddle by her loving family

Prayer Concerns:

Dorothy MacLaren, health concerns; Joelle Leiferman, health concerns; Jean Henry, health concerns; Dick and Lucille Brown, health concerns

Serving and Growing Together

Pickleball

Pickleball is in full swing (literally). Now playing on Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m. ALL skill levels are welcome. Come join us!

Kid's Night Out

March 10 from 6 -10 p.m. in Friendship/FLC

Parents/Guardians - Are you ready for a night out? Ready for that date night?

What about just to let your kiddos have a GREAT time? Let US be YOUR

babysitter for the evening! We will have tons of different fun, exciting games.

This event will be from 6 - 10 p.m. and we will also be providing pizza (their choice of cheese or pepperoni) and drinks! RSVP to Ann Hale by March 8.

Serving and Growing Together

Winter Missions Collection

Throughout February and March we will be collecting hats, gloves and scarfs (child and adult sizes) that will be used in Missions boxes for next Christmas. Donations may be left in the Love in Action bins. So be on the lookout for those clearance sales!

Habitat for Humanity: Raise the Roof

March 9-11

If you would like to participate, please contact Sharon Davis at sdavis217@gmail.com, or (502) 939-4682. New folks are welcome!

Reach Alerts

For up-to-the-minute updates about worship, events, and other important happenings at BBC, please sign up for our Reach Alerts! Go to www.broadwaybaptist.org and scroll down to the bottom of our homepage to sign up.

Women's Spring Luncheon

Everyone is welcome! Join us on March 18 at 11 a.m. for the annual Women's Spring Luncheon. There will be a silent auction, raffle, and entertainment by Jonathan Oblander! \$25 per person. Reserve and decorate a table of 8 and invite your friends to attend, or RSVP to Donna Williams at (502) 774-0515 or donnaleawilliams@gmail.com. All proceeds fund local, state, and worldwide missions.

Donations Requested

Now accepting donations for the Women's Spring Luncheon silent auction. Contact Connie Rogers call/text (502) 592-9392 or email cgordonrogers@aol.com

Bells Rehearsal

Bells rehearsal is every Wednesday at 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Steve Lin.

Serving and Growing Together

Easter Egg Hunt

April 8 at 10 a.m. Stay tuned for more details!

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, these are the available dates for 2023:

July 30

August 6

Please contact Nancy Stopher (stopher@bellsouth.net) to reserve your Sunday.

Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Study

We begin with an informal, catered meal from 5:30– 6 p.m. At 6 p.m., we will share prayer concerns and have Bible Study. Chancel Choir rehearsal will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, but reservations are required. Please make your meal reservation(s) by noon on the MONDAY prior to the dinner. Cost is \$10 per person for ages 13 and up, \$3 per person for Kindergarten–6th grade, and Pre-K is free.

March 2023 Dinner Menus

3/8/2023

Roast Pork Loin

Augratin Potatoes

Green Beans

Corn Muffin

3/22/2023

Beef Tips & Mushrooms

Buttered Parsleyed Noodles

Broccoli Salad

Warm Biscuit

3/15/2023

Chicken Cacciatore

Rice

Garlic Bread

Spinach & Strawberry Salad

3/29/2023

BBQ Pork Sandwich

Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

Chenoweth “Charger Bags”

Each week we pack bags to be sent home on the weekends with students from Chenoweth Elementary who are living with food insecurity. In the past we have fed 25-30 students, but this year the need has increased to 150. Our partnership with the Greek Orthodox Church and the Missions Committee helps offset the cost of food - but we need your help! If you are able - the following food items are useful and can be placed in Love in Action bins around the church:

Ramen noodles, hearty canned soups or ravioli with pull-top lids, NutriGrain bars, granola bars (no nuts or peanut butter), oatmeal packets, individual applesauce or pudding cups, etc.

If you'd like to join the team helping to pack the bags each week, please contact Susan in the church office or at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org

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