

First Baptist Church of West Allis

April 30, 2023

Prelude

“Morning Meditation”

by Jason Krug

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Lord God, through Jesus you opened the eyes of the blind; you healed the sick and you fed the hungry.

People: We give you thanks and praise for your mercy and your love.

Leader: Loving Father, by the Spirit you restore strength to the weary and give hope to those who are in despair.

People: We give you thanks and praise for your mercy and your love.

Leader: You call us Lord to proclaim your deeds and your wonders to all people,

People: You call us to worship and serve you that all may be made whole.

Leader: You offer us a new life of righteousness.

People: We give you thanks and praise for your mercy and your love.

Leader: Make us worthy, O Lord, to receive all your gifts.

All: Descend on us like the light of a new day give light to our souls and put your praise upon our lips. Amen.

***Opening Prayer (Unison):**

O God, we are gathered here under the shelter of your wings, nurtured by your motherly love, and encouraged, then, to fly by faith on the wind of your spirit. You have spoken to us, saying "They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles."

Teach us how to wait, then, that we may learn how to fly.

May this nest we call "family" be built with sturdy materials. Don't let us forget, though, that this nest was not created as a fortress behind which to hide, but as a perch from which to take off. And strengthen us with the assurance that we do not fly alone. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Opening Songs of Praise and Offering (see insert)**

Anthem

“My Savior and My God”
Chancel Choir

by Jay Althouse

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 27-31

Prayers

*Sermon Hymn #354 “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Sermon “Renewed Strength”
Rev. Dr. John Jones IV

*Closing Hymn #33 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Closing Prayer/Benediction
 (“Let There Be Peace On Earth”)

Postlude “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”
Arr. by John Behnke