

First Baptist Church

January 22, 2023

Prelude "NETTLETON" Arr. by Gordon Young

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: In the name of Christ, you are welcomed into the presence of the Lord.

People: How shall we be worthy to kneel before our Lord?

Leader: What is required of you but to do justice?

People: How shall we be worthy to kneel before our Lord?

Leader: What is required of you but to love kindness?

People: How shall we be worthy to kneel before our Lord?

Leader: What is required of you but to walk humbly with your God?

All: Teach us, Lord, how to fulfill your commands, that we may dwell in your presence forever.

***Opening Prayer (Unison):**

Gracious Lord, you erase the gains of the proud but reward the efforts of the lowly. Cleanse us from our pride, we pray, that we may enter your presence. Your prophet has told us that only humble seekers of righteousness are welcome on your holy mountain. We do not claim to be humble enough, but we approach you in the name of the One who was. With him you were well pleased. Welcome us in his name, that we might learn from him the humility that brings forth the flower of righteousness.

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

Anthem "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
Arr. By Jason Krug
Jubilation Ringers

Scripture Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1-6

Prayers

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-17

*Sermon Hymn #27 “Morning Has Broken”

Sermon “Rejoice: Daylight Has Come”
Rev. Gwendolyn Y. Young

Closing Hymn #87 “Arise Your Light Is Come”

 Welcome of New Member
 The Right Hand of Fellowship

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Postlude “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”
 Arr. by Larry Shackley