The Worship of God
Sunday, February 25, 2018

We see the cross everywhere. It decorates our walls, our jewelry is often in its shape, and we even see it sometimes on bumper stickers. The cross is a familiar and comforting symbol, which represents the salvation we find in Jesus' sacrifice. But the meaning of "the cross" might have been very different to Jesus' followers in their Roman society. During this Lenten season, let us rediscover the gospel of the cross and the daring discipleship to which Jesus calls us.

Prelude *How Firm a Foundation* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome Becky Tucker

Time of Greeting *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Lighting of the Christ Candle Phil Christopher

Choral Call to Worship *The Lamb Has Overcome* Sanctuary Choir

Congregational Call to Worship
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CH 16

Morning Prayer Becky Tucker

Songs of Worship *There Is a Fountain* CH 336
The Power of the Cross

God's Eternal Word for Us Mark 8:31-38 Timothy Varghese
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Jecilly Varghese

Offertory *Kyrie (Most Holy One)* Sanctuary Choir

Message from God's Word Meredith Stone
The Gospel of the Cross

Observance of the Lord's Supper Meredith Stone

Invitation *Jesus Paid It All* CH 305

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions C. V. Blake

Benediction *The Power of the Cross*

Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Dorothy and Jimmy Parker, by Cindy Parker, Susan Montalvo, Jim Parker, and Elizabeth Parker.