

**The Worship of God
Sunday, March 31, 2019**

Homecoming to the Father's House

The Place Where You Will Never Want...

There is a place where no enemy can touch you. It is a place where "I lack nothing" and never ever have to prove myself. Have you ever lived in a house where you don't have to wipe your shoes at the door? Are you homesick for a place like that? Today, we can "come to our senses" and come home, no matter what.... Psalm 27:4 says, "I only ask for one thing from the Lord. This is what I want: let me live in the Lord's house all my life." As we prepare for worship, what is keeping you from coming home – we all are prodigals in our own way.

Prelude	<i>What a Beautiful Name</i>	Celebration Orchestra
Faces & Places of First Baptist Church		
Welcome		John Moore
Time of Greeting	<i>O Praise The Name (Anastasis)</i>	
Lighting of the Christ Candle		John Moore
Congregational Call to Worship	<i>Lion And The Lamb This is Amazing Grace</i>	
Pastoral Prayer for Our Public Schools		Phil Christopher
Presentation for Healing Hearts		Phil Christopher
Song of Our Worship	<i>Draw Me Nearer</i>	
God's Eternal Word for Us Today	<i>Luke 15:17-24</i>	Jenny Spruiell
	<i>Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. Congregation: Thanks be to God.</i>	
Offertory Prayer		David Spruiell
Offertory	<i>Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness)</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Message from God's Word	<i>Coming Home to Dwell in the Father's House</i>	Phil Christopher
Invitation	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	CH479
Continuing Acts of Worship		Mike Greenfield
Recognition of Decisions		C. V. Blake
Benediction	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i>	
Postlude	<i>What a Beautiful Name</i>	Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano