



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, April 29th, 2018  
5th Sunday of Easter**

*\*Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

## **We Gather as God's People**

**Silent Prayer:** Today, O God, we rejoice to join with those in heaven, and the millions around the world who join in worshipping you, to sing the songs of the ages that declare our faith, to pray and praise with the saints of all time, inspired by your Holy Spirit, to honour Christ who is King of Kings, Lord of the church, who is alive forevermore. Amen.

Music for Gathering

“A Red Rose”  
“Homeward Bound”

LCCHS Girls' Choir

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

\*The Introit

“It's Easter! It's Easter!”  
(Tune: “Immortal, Invisible”)

**It's Easter! It's Easter! The stone's rolled away!  
It's Easter! It's Easter! This is the Lord's day!  
New faith for the doubter, new joy for the sad,  
Our Saviour walks with us to make our hearts glad.**

**It's Easter! It's Easter! Christ lives once again.  
It's Easter! It's Easter! God's loudest “Amen”!  
We sing “Hallelujah”! We sing “Praise the Lord”  
Who raised up our Jesus and spoke the last word.**

\*Welcome

John Nelson

Leader: Christ is Risen.

All: He is Risen indeed.

**\*Responsive Call to Worship - Psalm 95 (excerpts)**

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

**Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

*Choirs: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all kings.

All: Come, let us worship and bow down.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**\*Choral Response “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”**

**Come, now is the time to worship.**

**Come, now is the time to give your heart.**

**Come, just as you are to worship.**

**Come, just as you are before your God. Come.**

**\*Unison Prayer**

**O God, the Holy Spirit, you who are so powerful and so anonymous. Forgive us for ignoring your influence in our individual lives and in the life of our church. Forgive us for quenching your influence among us. Forgive us for grieving you by our sins. Tame the boldness that defies you, warm the coldness that denies you. May your strong, warm breezes blow. Amen**

**\*Welcoming One Another**

## We Approach God

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\*Reflective Moment

“Agnus Dei”

Michael W. Smith

**Alleluia! Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns (repeat).  
Alleluia! Holy! Holy are you Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.  
You are Holy. Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

\*Hymn of Praise

“Fill the Earth with Music”

(Tune: Wye Valley, #494)

*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn and are invited downstairs following their blessing for their own service.*

**Fill the earth with music, sound aloud his praise.  
Give to all your witness: “Jesus Christ will save!”  
Psalms and hymns and heart-songs in you richly dwell,  
Centred on the Saviour, Christ who does things well.**

*(Refrain:)*

**Fill the earth with music, sound aloud his praise.  
Give to all your witness: “Jesus Christ will save!”**

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Hymn of Praise

“Fill the Earth with Music”

**In your lofty anthems, by your hymns of peace,  
Give the Prince of Goodness his own rightful place.  
Raise the cross of Jesus, lift it high above;  
That the world may find there Christ, the Lord of love.**

*(Refrain)*

Gift of Music

“Al Shlosa D’Varim”

LCCHS Girls’ Choir

## **We Listen to God**

Scripture Reader

Laureen Snook

Epistle Lesson: James 1.17-21

(N.T. pg. 233)

\*Gospel Lesson: John 16.5-15

(N.T. pg. 110)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

\*Hymn of Approach

“Holy Spirit”

*(Keith Getty & Stuart Townend)*

Holy, Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul;  
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord,  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your Word to come alive in me:  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for your purity;  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
may your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least;  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Sermon

“The Comforter Comes”

John Nelson

## **We Respond to God**

\*Hymn of Response

“The Comforter Has Come”

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Musical Preparation

“Holy Spirit”

Christa Walsh

**Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made.  
Show your power once again on earth,  
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.**

Prayers of the People

Norma Holtslander

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Musical Response

“The Lord’s Prayer”

LCHS Girls’ Choir

(Regina’s own, Stewart Wilkenson)

Our Gifts & Offerings

“Walk in Jerusalem”

LCHS Girls’ Choir

\*Response of Praise

“Praise the Lord”

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,  
He has washed and made me white as snow.  
I’m redeemed from all my sin and shame.  
Now and forever, praise his holy name!  
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!  
To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy name!**

\*Unison Benediction

“A Blessing of Music”

**MAY** our days be filled with music. **MAY** our paths be paved with song.  
**MAY** the sounds of forever lift us up and keep us strong.  
**MAY** our hearts resound with laughter. **MAY** our lives be tuned for praise.  
**MAY** the hymns and choruses of faith bring us hope.  
**MAY** the rhythm of our lives bring us joy.  
**MAY** the harmony of friendship bring us love.  
**MAY** the Holy Spirit bless us and keep us.  
**MAY** God’s sweet music guide our ways.  
**MAY** God’s gentle whisper always comfort us with grace.  
**MAY** the voices of angels sing us peace. Amen and amen!

Music for Departing

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

*Anyone desiring prayer is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary on the right hand side. One of our deacons will be there to listen and to pray with you.*

**“A Time For Friends”**

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

**April 29th and May 6th Church Life Report Open Sessions**

Informal discussions to hear or share observations, ideas, concerns, or questions about the report. Following morning worship in the library. Open to anyone interested. Copies of the report are available in the foyer.

**Katepwa Lake Camp Work Day: Saturday, May 5th, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

A variety of tasks: yard work, cleaning, maintenance, etc. Lunch Provided.

**Our Thanks** to Luther College High School (LCHS) girl’s choir for their gifts of music this morning and to their director Deborah Nelson.

# Sermon Notes



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