



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 6th, 2018
6th Sunday of Easter

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Father in heaven, you called Jesus to take the highest position of leadership in all creation. Help us to prepare our hearts and our lives to receive Jesus as Lord. In Jesus' name we pray, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

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.

*Responsorial Call to Worship: Psalm 47

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: Everyone clap your hands; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Choir: *For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.*

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King

All: **For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: Christ is Risen.

All: **He is Risen indeed.**

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*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

John Nelson

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Praise

“Victory In Jesus”

#478 v.1, 2

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

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Rosemary Ward

Epistle Lesson: James 1.22-27

(N.T. pg. 229)

Responsorial Reading Psalm 68.19-20

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

All: **Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belongs
escape from death.**

*Gospel Lesson: John 16.23-33

(N.T. pg. 110)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gift of Music

Angeline Holtslander

Sermon

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Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Approach

“How Beautiful”

(by Twila Paris)

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread

And the children of earth.

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads

And the hill to the cross.

Chorus

**How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.**

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin

And bore it instead.

How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive

And never despise.

Chorus

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news

And the love of the King.

How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread

And the children of earth

Chorus

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of the People

Jennifer Holtlander

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.

The Words of Consecration

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and wine as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

(All communion wafers are gluten free)

Prayer for the Bread
Prayer for the Wine

Murray Wolfe
Timothy Long

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “And Can It Be” # v. 1, 3-5

Our Gifts & Offerings Adoniram Holtslander

*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!**

*Benediction Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Deacon on Duty: Rosemary Ward

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.

Church Life Report Open Sessions

Today, following morning worship

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.

Our Thanks to Adoniram and Angeline Holtslander for helping to lead us in worship this morning.

If you know of a young person who could bring a gift of music, of writing, or of artwork, please speak to either Pastor John or Pastor Joel.

Gifts of Music in May

May 13- Ameer Abusada (1st year university, gr. 10 Royal Conservatory piano)

May 20- Rene Czemerer (gr. 12 student, gr. 10 Royal Conservatory piano)

May 27- Kevin Trinh (gr. 9 student, gr. 9 Royal Conservatory piano)

New to this congregation?

We communicate each week in a number of ways.

firstbaptistregina.ca, our website doesn't just list upcoming events, you'll background information, articles, and videos about Sunday's songs and scriptures, our Learning for Life classes, our Lebanese mission partnership, and much more.

Our Facebook page includes invitations to upcoming events and posts from the congregation.

A **weekly email** is sent out with upcoming events, notices of special events (such as funerals), and links to our website.

A **weekly youth group text** is sent out with a reminder of that week's event. Make sure Chris or Pastor Joel have an up to date cell number for texts for youth events.



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