



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, April 8th, 2018
2nd Sunday of Easter

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, you make everything beautiful in its time. You set eternity in our hearts. None of us can understand what you have done from beginning to end. Help us to believe in you and to increasingly recognize you at work around us, making things beautiful through the resurrection. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

*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

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
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Praise

“He Lives”

#220

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this carol and are welcome to remain at the front during the scripture reading and the sermon. Colouring and activity sheets are available and the nursery is open to infants and toddlers.

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Hilary Ryan

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5.4-12

(N.T. pg. 241)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 81.1-10 (*Taken from the Message*)

Leader: Sing to our strong God, shout for joy to the God of Jacob.S

Choir: Sing anthems from the choir, music from the band, sweet sounds from lute and harp, trumpets and trombones and horns:

All: It’s festival day, a feast to God!

Leader: A day decreed by God, solemnly ordered by the God of Jacob. God commanded Joseph to keep this day so we’d never forget what God did in Egypt.

(Cont’d, see over.)

Choir: I hear this most gentle whisper from One I never guessed would speak to me:

All: “I took the world off your shoulders, freed you from a life of hard labor. You called to me in your pain; I got you out of a bad place.

Leader: Listen, dear ones—get this straight; O Israel, don’t take this lightly.

Choir: Don’t take up with strange gods, don’t worship the latest in gods.

All: I’m God, your God, the very God who rescued you from doom in Egypt, then fed you all you could eat and filled your hungry stomachs.

*Gloria Patri #623

Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: John 20.19-29

(N.T. pg. 115)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Approach

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

#117, v. 1, 2 & 4

Sermon

“Something New In an Old World” Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#234

Prayers of the People

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.

Our Gifts & Offerings

*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

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

Collin Carbno

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.

Guest Preacher next Sunday

Mark Doerkson, our Area Minister, will be preaching.

Scripture readings for April 15th: 1 Peter 2.19-25, John 10.11-16.

Katepwa Lake Camp AGM

Next Sunday Katepwa Lake Camp is holding their AGM here in the lower hall following Sunday morning worship. All are invited.

First Baptist Church Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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