

# First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

# Worship Service for Sunday, May 24, 2020 Ascension Sunday

## We Gather as God's People

**Silent Prayer:** Living God, we pray that as the Holy Spirit came in wind and fire to the apostles, so your Spirit may come to us, breathing new life into our lives, and setting our hearts aflame with love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Music for Gathering

"Christus Lag in Todesbanden" (Bach)

Gwen Bergman

"Concerto in G Major"

Megan Zak

"Simple Gifts" Becky Findlay & Joseph Martin

"And Can It Be" Natalie Fuller, Mark Anderson, Choir/Congregation

Congregational Life and Ministry

Chris Senger

Call to Worship and Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Christ is Risen.

All: He is Risen indeed.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

### We Approach God

Hymn of Praise

"Our God Reigns"

#229

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him, Who brings good news, good news, Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness: Our God reigns, our God reigns!

(Refrain)

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He had no stately form, he had no majesty, That we should be drawn to him, He was despised and we took no account of him, Yet now he reigns with the Most High.

(Refrain)

Out of the tomb he came with grace and majesty. He is alive. He is alive. God loves us so, see here his hands, his feet, his side. Yes, we know, he is alive!

(Refrain)

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession of Sin Assurance of Pardon

John Nelson

Gift of Music

"Fill-a-Me-Up"

Pepper Choplin/2010 MYM CHORUS

### We Listen to God

Hymn of Preparation

"There is a Redeemer"

#206

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Refrain)

Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us your Son, And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done.

Jesus, my redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

(Refrain)

When I stand in Glory, I will see his face, There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

(Refrain)

Scripture Reader Carol Hepting (Response: Debby Nelson)

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 93

Leader: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is

girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be

moved;

All: your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their

voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

All: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic

than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Leader: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord,

forevermore.

All: 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.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "A Continued Ministry"

Richard Hovey

#### We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

Merv Hepting

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.

Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Hymn of Departing

"Come, Holy Spirit"

#250

Come as wisdom to children, come as new sight to the blind, Come, Lord, as strength to my weakness, take me: soul, body and mind.

(Refrain)

Come Holy Spirit, I need you Come sweet Spirit, I pray; Come in your strength and your power Come in your own gentle way.

Come as a rest to the weary, come as a balm to the sore, Come as a dew to my dryness: fill me with joy evermore.

(Refrain)

Come like a spring in the desert, come to the withered of soul; O let your sweet healing power touch me and make me whole

(Refrain)

\*Benediction Richard Hovey

Music for Departing

"Prelude in C"

Mark Anderson

#### Live from Lebanon

Please join us after the service for our mission fundraiser. After the music for departing, there will be a few minutes of slides from Lebanon and of our partners in order for anyone who wishes to get their lunch.

The program:

Deirdre and Ben Sentis on the current situation in Lebanon and the SENT experience

A Seminary student interview Emad and Almess interview