



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, May 17th, 2020**

5th Sunday in Easter

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

**Silent Prayer:** Almighty and loving God, form the minds of your people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that amid all the changes of this world, and particularly during this pandemic, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

“To God Be the Glory”

Joseph Martin & others

“Piano Medley”

"Simple Gifts"

“Lift Your Eyes and See the Glory”

Congregational Life and Ministry

Richard Hovey

Call to Worship and Invocation

John Nelson

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**

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Hymn of Praise

“Easter Song”

**Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that you can be born again!  
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing Christ is risen from the dead!**

**The angel up on the tombstone said, “He has risen, just as he said.  
Quickly now, go tell his disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!”**

**Joy to the world, he has risen, alleluia! He's risen, alleluia!  
He's risen, alleluia! Alleluia!**

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Karen Martin

## **We Listen to God**

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Hymn of Preparation

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

#266, v 1, 3, 4

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Scripture Reader  
Response

Murray Wolfe  
Esther Gurnsey

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:23-28

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 51.7-11

Leader: Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

**All: Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me - now let me rejoice.**

Leader: Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt.

**All: Create in me a clean heart O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

Leader: Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

**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 Reading: John 16.5-15

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Holy Spirit and Me"

Norma Holtslander

## **We Respond to God**

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Prayers of the People

Brenda Beckman-Long

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

**Oh, spread the tidings 'round; wherever man is found,  
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;  
Let ev'ry Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:  
The Comforter has come!**

*(Refrain)*

**The Comforter has come! The Comforter has come!  
The Holy Ghost from heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n!  
Oh, spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found:  
The Comforter has come!**

**Lo, the great King of kings, with healing in his wings,  
To ev'ry captive soul a full deliv'rance brings;  
And thru the vacant cells the song of triumph rings:  
The Comforter has come!**

*(Refrain)*

**Oh, boundless love divine! How shall this tongue of mine  
To wond'ring mortals tell the matchless grace divine -  
That I, a child of hell, should in his image shine!  
The Comforter has come!**

*(Refrain)*

Benediction

Norma Holtslander

Music for Departing

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

Joseph Martin

*Join others for a special, "A Time for Friends".*

*After the music for departing a few smaller breakout groups will be formed. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. If you wish to take part, simply remain on zoom to greet the group and hear how others are doing.*