



First Baptist Church

A Place to Belong

Worship Service for Sunday April 11, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty Father, you gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: help us to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. BCP

Music for Gathering

"Joy in the Morning"

(MYM '07) MYM Combined Choir & Brass

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

(EA '06) juBELLation

"Were You There"

(EA '09) Becky Findlay

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

(2021) Music Video produced/edited/

conducted by Maria Fuller, conductor of the Thunder Bay Symphony

Easter Reflections

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

*The Introit

"It's Easter! It's Easter!" (Tune: "Immortal, Invisible" #25)

**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 Savior 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.**

*Call to Worship & Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

We Approach God

*Hymns of Celebration

“This Is the Day”

#590

**This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made**

“Easter Song”

#222

**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

Gift of Music

Christa Walsh

Confession of Sin

John Nelson

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Celebration

“Worship Christ the Risen King”

#225

**Rise, O Church and lift your voices;
Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices
Resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

**See the tomb where death had laid him;
Empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain him,
For the throne of life he shares.”
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

**Hear the earth protest and tremble;
See the stone removed with pow’r.
All hell’s minions may assemble,
But cannot withstand his hour.
He has conquered, he has conquered;
Christ the Lord, the risen King!**

**We acclaim Your life, O Jesus; now we sign your victory.
Sin and hell may seek to seize us,
But your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph;
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 1.1-7

New Testament Lesson: Acts 4.32-56

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: There the Lord ordained blessing: life forevermore.

*Gloria Patri

#623

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: Mark 3.7-27

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Eternal Life and Friendships”

Joel Russell-MacLean

I heard an old, old story, how a Saviour came from glory,
How he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus, my saviour, forever.
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him and all my love is due him,
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing pow'r revealing.
How he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

O victory in Jesus, my saviour, forever.
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him and all my love is due him,
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

O victory in Jesus, my saviour, forever.
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him and all my love is due him,
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

Prayers of the People

Esther Wiens

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

John Nelson

Gift of Music

"He Lives"

(EA '07) Sanctuary choir

*Response of Praise

"Thine Be the Glory"

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departure

"Trumpet Voluntary" (Clarke)

Mark Anderson

The Music For Departing during April, May and June is played to the glory of God and in honour of John Nelson's three plus decades of faithful music Ministry at First Baptist. This week's selection is a favourite of his.

A Virtual Time for Friends

After the Music for Departure 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.