



# *First Baptist Church*

*A Place to Belong*

Worship Service for Sunday April 18, 2021  
3rd Sunday of Easter

*\*Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

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

**Silent Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you have made your church into one people through Jesus Christ and united us through your Holy Spirit. May we continue to remember our brothers and sisters around the world as we pray, as we face our own struggles, and as we steward that which you have placed in our care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

"Can't Carry These Burdens Alone"

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

Easter Reflections

(2016) Vivace

(late 80ties) Carolyn, Diane & Joan Speirs

Easter Reflection

Christa Walsh

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

(EA '13) Christa Walsh/Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

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

Richard Hovey

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**

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Hymn of Praise

“He Lives”

#220

**I serve a risen Saviour, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever men may say;  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him he's always near**

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

**In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading, through all the stormy blast.  
The day of his appearing will come at last!**

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King.  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.**

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Karen Martin

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Celebration

“Beautiful Saviour”

*by Stuart Townend*

**All my days, I will sing this song of gladness.  
Give my praise to the fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor, clothed in majesty, Lord of History,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life,  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
you're the Risen One, heaven's champion, and you reign, you reign, over all.**

**I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.**

**Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor, clothed in majesty, Lord of History,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life,  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
you're the Risen One, heaven's champion, and you reign, you reign, over all.**

**I long to be, where the praise is never ending;  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
Where countless worshipers will share one song;  
And cries of "worthy" will honour the Lamb!**

**Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor, clothed in majesty, Lord of History,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life,  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
you're the Risen One, heaven's champion, and you reign, you reign, over all.**

Scripture Reader

Timothy and Nathaniel Botros

New Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 3: 1-9, 19-21

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 104: 1-24

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

**All: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you make the clouds your chariot.**

Leader: You ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

**All: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.**

Leader: You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

**All: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.**

Leader: You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

**All: You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal.**

Leader: The wild donkeys quench their thirst. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

**All: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

Leader: The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that the Lord planted. In them the birds build their nests. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

**All: You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.**

Leader: You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens. People go out to their work and to their labour until the evening.

**All: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

**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 4: 21-34

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Emad Botros

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Hallelujah, What a Saviour”

#175, v.1, 2, 4, 5

**Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Saviour!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,  
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah, what a Saviour!**

**Lifted up was he, to die; "It is finished!" was his cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Saviour!**

**When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring.  
Then anew this song we'll sing, Hallelujah, what a Saviour**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“My Prayer”

(’14) David & Rob Nelson

\*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, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music For Departing

“Nachspiel” (Bruckner)

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 was chosen because it was arranged by a former “Meet Your Musician” guest, Hal Hopson.*

Lebanese Partnership Luncheon

*We encourage everyone to remain and hear first hand about life and ministry in Lebanon from Emad Botros. We will wait for a few minutes to give you time to set out your meal and then we will begin our luncheon with a word of prayer.*