



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

*Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Lord God, help us to hear your call, to respond to your grace, and to enter new life to the praise of your name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

"Christ Lag in Todesbanden"
"Living Spirit, Guiding Spirit"
"Spirit of the Living God"
"Come to the Music"

First Baptist Music Reflections

Gwen Bergman- Luther College High School Student
MYM Combined Choir (MYM '08)
juBELLation- Melissa Morgan, flute (MYM '11)
Vivace Singers ('18)

Music Reflection

Christa Walsh

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

*The Introit

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**(Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your Word, Lord, let there be light.) 2x**

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

*Hymn of Praise

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#234

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne:
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King thru all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of Love: behold his hands and side -
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond’ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of Life: who triumphed o’er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav’n: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru him giv’n from yonder glorious throne.
To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

Christa Walsh

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

John Hillmer

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Bonita Dueck

Epistle Reading: 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 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.

*Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Celebration

“Majesty”

#74

Majesty, worship his majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, honour, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne

Unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty;

Jesus who died, now glorified, king of all kings.

Sermon

“The Power of God”

Richard Hovey

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“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

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

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

Prayers of the People

Ron Phillips

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.

Gift of Music	“Pull for the Shore”	Narrow Gate
Our Gifts and Offerings		Richard Hovey
Response of Praise	“Revive Us Again”	
<p>We praise thee, O God, for the Spirit of light, Who has shown us our Saviour and scattered our night. Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again!</p>		
*Benediction		Richard Hovey
Music for Departing		Christa Walsh

Join others for a special, “A Time for Friends.”

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