



First Baptist Church

A Place to Belong

Worship Service for Sunday May 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Creator of heaven and earth, loving Heavenly Father, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Music for Gathering

"A Miracle Man"

"With a Joyful Heart"

"When I Turn My Heart to Jesus"

The Heavens are Telling"

Easter Reflections

MYM Combined Choir (MYM '13)

juBELLation

Luther High School Girls' Choir (MYM '04)

Christa Walsh & juBELLation

Easter Reflection

Mark Anderson

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

*Hymn of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

#66

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done:
So loved he the world that he gave us his son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

**Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

"Spirit Song"

juBELLation Ringers

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Richard Hovey

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Celebration

"Jesus Lives and So Shall I"

#224, v 1, 3-5

**Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.**

**Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sever:
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust.**

**Jesus lives, and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust.**

Scripture Reader

Carmen Orthner

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5:1-5

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvellous things. the Lord's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

All: The Lord has made known his victory; the Lord has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Leader: The Lord has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Leader: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

All: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

*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 8.1-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Praise

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

#409

**I know not why God’s wondrous grace to me he hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.
But “I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I’ve committed unto him against that day.”**

**I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart.
But “I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I’ve committed unto him against that day.”**

**I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him.
But “I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I’ve committed unto him against that day.”**

**I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,
Nor if I’ll walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air.
But “I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I’ve committed unto him against that day.”**

God at Work in Our Lives

Mission Commission

Prayers of the People

Richard Hovey

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. "Trumpet Voluntary" Mark Anderson & juBELLation Ringers

*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 "It is Well with My Soul" Mark Anderson
Linker

"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 specially requested by John for Mother's day .

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.