



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, as we celebrate this Easter season, questions about life and faith remain. Increase our faith, Lord. Grant us understanding of your truth and courage to walk in your ways even when it is hard. Help us live in such a way that you are glorified, now and forever. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“Come, People of the Risen King”
(Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.

Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,

Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev’ry tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ rejoice!

Call to Worship and Prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

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!

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Beautiful Saviour”
(Stuart Townend)

**All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delight;
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 worshippers 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!**

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Call to Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Kayely Rich

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“Thine is the Glory”

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**Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

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

**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.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan with thy power and love.**

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

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (p. 232, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

All: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

Leader: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

All: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Leader: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

All: I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

Leader: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

All: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

Leader: For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the pit. You show me the path of life.

All: In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures 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: John 20:24-31 (p. 115, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Overcoming Doubts"

Kayely Rich

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“How Firm a Foundation”

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**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Ron Phillips

We Depart to Serve God

* Hymn for Departing "The Passion"
(Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood & Chris Davenport)

**The passion of our Saviour,
The mercy of our God.
The cross that leaves no question
Of the measure of his love.**

**Our chains are gone,
Our debt is paid,
The cross has overthrown the grave;
For Jesus' blood that sets us free,
Means death to death
And life for me.**

*Benediction

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for "A Time for Friends" — an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

Coming up in April...

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 am

Voice Novel Study

Sundays, April 23 & 30; after service

Final photo sessions for directory update

Sunday, April 30, 9:30 am

New Learning for Life class begins
