



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, you make everything beautiful in its time. You set eternity in our hearts. None of us can understand what you have done from beginning to end. Help us to believe in you and to increasingly recognize your resurrection work around us, in renewal and in new life, so that we may face loss with peace, hope and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering "Arabesque No.1" Alison Purdy
(Claude Debussy)

Opportunities for Life and Service Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes Oluseye Popoola

*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! (2x)**

Call to Worship and Prayer Cheryl Johnston

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

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

#198

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for Godly Play (younger group) and Oasis (older group).

**Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

Chorus:

**Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
Wonderful grace all sufficient for me, for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!**

**Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

Chorus

**Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power making them God’s dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

Chorus

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Kayely Rich

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“What a Beautiful Name”
(Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood)

**You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High;
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in you, our Christ.**

**What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.**

What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

**You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater; what could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.**

What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Death could not hold you; the veil tore before you.

You silenced the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory,

For you are raised to life again!

You have no rival, you have no equal.

Now and forever, God, you reign.

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory.

Yours is the name above all names.

**What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my King.**

What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:42-47 (p. 120, New Testament section)

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (pp. 233-234, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures;

Leader: He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

All: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me;

All: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*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 14:15-23 (p. 109, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Coming and Going”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“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.**

Chorus:

**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.**

Chorus

**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.**

Chorus

Prayers of the People

Norma Holtslander

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

Norma Holtslander

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.

(2x)

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

(David German)

Oluseye Popoola

Following the service, we will be taking photos for the Photo Directory update. If you have not had your photo taken and would like to, please come to the library on the lower level.

Also following the 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 May...

Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Katepwa Lake Camp work day

Sunday, May 7, 11:00 am

Service of Thanksgiving for Mark Anderson

For more information about any of these events, please see the current newsletter or visit our website at firstbaptistregina.ca.