



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, April 21st, 2024

4th Sunday in Easter

Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery.

The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary.

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Jesus, our health and our life come from you. You chose to lay down your life for us and to take up your life again for us. Help us to lay our lives down for you so your life might grow in us. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“Christ Is Risen”

by Kristyn and Keith Getty

The power that raised Christ from the grave

Now works in us to powerfully save.

He frees our hearts to live his grace; go tell of his goodness.

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.

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

*Hymns of Praise **“The Passion”** and **“And Can It Be”**

(Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood & Chris Davenport)

The children are invited forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship.

The passion of our Saviour! The mercy of our God!

The cross that leaves no question of the measure of his love.

(Refrain:)

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.

The Innocent judged guilty, while the guilty one walks free.

Death would be his portion and our portion liberty. *(Refrain)*

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?
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'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed thee.
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“This Train”

Sanctuary Choir

(Words including at the end of the bulletin)

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Chris Senger

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“All Your Anxiety”

#418

**Is there a heart o'erbound by sorrow? Is there a life weighed down by care?
Come to the cross, each burden bearing; all your anxiety—leave it there.**

(Refrain:)

**All your anxiety, all your care, bring to the mercy seat, leave it there,
Never a burden he cannot bear, never a friend like Jesus!**

**No other friend so swift to help you, no other friend so quick to hear,
No other place to leave your burden, no other one to hear your prayer.**

(Refrain)

**Come then at once; delay no longer! Heed his entreaty kind and sweet,
You need not fear a disappointment; you shall find peace at the mercy seat.**

(Refrain)

Scripture Reader

Susan Bornowsky

New Testament Lesson: Acts 4.1-13

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**All: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures; the Lord leads me
beside still waters;**

Leader: The Lord restores my soul. The Lord leads me in right paths for his
name's sake.

**All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are
with me; 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: The Gospel According to John 10:11-18

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Jesus’ Ongoing Ministry”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Heaven Came Down”

#495

O what a wonderful, wonderful day—day I will never forget;

After I’d wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Saviour I met.

O what a tender, compassionate friend—he met the need of my heart;

Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, he made all the darkness depart!

(Refrain:)

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,

When at the cross my Saviour made me whole;

My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day,

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!

Born of the Spirit with life from above into God’s family divine,

Justified fully thru Calvary’s love, O what a standing is mine!

And the transaction so quickly was made when as a sinner I came,

Took of the offer of grace he did proffer; he saved me, oh praise his dear name!

(Refrain)

Now I’ve a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;

I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.

And it’s because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;

Riches eternal and blessings supernal from his precious hand I received.

(Refrain)

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

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Thine Is the Glory”

#227

**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.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in Godly Play and Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.

"This Train"

(American Spiritual; Arr. Donald Moore)

This train is bound for glory, this train,
This train is bound for glory, this train,
This train is bound for glory, don't take nothin' but the good and holy,
This train is bound for glory, this train.

O, this train.

This train don't pull no gamblers, this train.
This train don't pull no gamblers, this train,
This train don't pull no gamblers, no hypocrites, no midnight ramblers,
This train don't pull no gamblers, this train.

Get on board, get on board, get on board this gospel train.
Get on board, get on board, get on board this gospel train.

O, this train.

This train is bound for heaven, this train,
This train is bound for heaven, this train,
This train is bound for heaven, get on board it's leavin' at seven,
This train is bound for heaven, this train.

Get on board, get on board, get on board this gospel train.
Get on board, get on board, get on board this gospel train.

Get on board, get on board, get on board this gospel train.
Get on board, get on board, get on board this gospel train.

O, this train, this train, O, this train.



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