



# First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

**Worship Service for Sunday, April 28th, 2024**

5th 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**

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**Silent Prayer:** Skilled Guide, you listen to our prayers and send us help. You listen to the prayers of others and send us to help them. May we always listen and obey the prompting of your Spirit so that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Music for Gathering Oluseye Popoola

Opportunities for Life and Service Chris Senger

Morning Chimes Oluseye Popoola

\*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**

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\*Hymns of Praise

“ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin

Joel Russell-MacLean

Assurance of Pardon

## **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Reader

Rosemary Ward

New Testament Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

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Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 22:25-31

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**All: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**All: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

\*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.**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn of Approach      “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

#460

**All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?  
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me; cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread.  
Tho my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see;  
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me; oh, the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;  
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.**

Sermon

“Led By the Spirit”

Cheryl Johnston

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“Pass It On”

#309

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it;  
You spread his love to everyone, you want to pass it on.**

**What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it:  
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I’ve found-  
You can depend on him, it matters not where you’re bound;  
I’ll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

Prayers of the People

Chris Senger

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**

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\*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

Cheryl Johnston

Music for Departing

Oluseye Popoola

“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.





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