



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, April 7th, 2024

2nd 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: Almighty Father, you gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: help us to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Xavier Russell-MacLean

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.

Call to Worship and Prayer

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

Chris Senger

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“King of Kings”

(Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood)

The children are invited forward and remain at the front through the service.

**In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
Till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin, came the Word,
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of kings!**

**To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, you died. *(Refrain)***

**And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath.
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,
Now the souls of all who come to the Father are restored.**

**And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his name, in his freedom, I am free,
Through the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. *(Refrain)***

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Edith Hilts

New Testament Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 133

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

All: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,

Leader: Running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

All: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to John 20:19-31

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*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.**

(Refrain:)

**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. *(Refrain)***

**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. *(Refrain)***

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of the People

Cheryl Johnston

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.

*Hymn of Approach:

"Agnus Dei"

by Michael W. Smith

Alleluia! Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns. (Repeat)

Alleluia! Holy! Holy are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

You are Holy. Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

The Words of Consecration

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

We Respond to God

*Hymn for Departing

“Thine Is the Glory”

#227

**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.**

(Chorus:)

**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. *(Chorus)***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *(Chorus)***

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Prayers for Healing

Anyone who would like prayer for healing is invited to come forward following the worship service.

“A Time For Friends”

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