



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, May 5th, 2024

6th 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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Help us to love his commandments and love one another and walk in his ways. Give us grace to rejoice in our tribulations, knowing that we will not be disappointed because your love has been poured into our hearts by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music for Gathering Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service Joel Russell-MacLean

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

*Hymn of Praise

“Worship Christ, the Risen King”

#225, v 1-3, 5

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

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now its mouth declares:

“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;

All hell's minions may assemble but cannot withstand his hour.

He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation: “Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty”

#61

**Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses, all burst forth at your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, Great Creator, God and friend,
Boundless power gave full expression to your love which knows no end.**

**Who am I that you should love me, meet my every need from birth?
Why invest yourself so fully in a creature made of earth?
In Your loving heart you planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul you breathed your Spirit, planted your own image there.**

**I am yours, Eternal Father, all my body, mind, and heart.
Take and use me to your glory, form yourself in every part.
Lord, your love brings joy and gladness flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being rise to you, their source and goal.**

Scripture Reader

Deborah Nelson

New Testament Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 10:44–48

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvellous things.
The Lord's right hand and his holy arm have gotten the victory.

All: The Lord has made known his victory; the Lord has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Leader: The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Leader: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is coming to judge the earth.

All: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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 15:9–17

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dell Bornowsky

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach:

“Abide With Me”

#419, v 1, 2, 4, 5

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

*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.**

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

Eric Warren

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.

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

“Jesus Loves Even Me”

#357

**I am so glad that our Father in heav’n
Tells of his love in the book he has giv’n;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see—
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.**

(Refrain:)

**I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

**Though I forget him and wander away,
Still he doth love me wherever I stray;
Back to his dear loving arms would I flee,
When I remember that Jesus loves me. *(Refrain)***

**O, if there's only one song I can sing
When in his beauty I see the great King,
This shall my song in eternity be:
“O, what a wonder that Jesus loves me!” *(Refrain)***

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Cheryl Johnston

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.