

First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, April 27th, 2025 1st 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** 

\*The Introit "Come, People of the Risen King" (by 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!

Come, young and old from every land men and women of the faith, Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace. Over all the world, his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call, The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all." (*Refrain*) 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!

## We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise	"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"	#1
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The children are invited forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship in Godly Play and Oasis.

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 heav'n reflect thy rays, Stars and angels sing around thee, centre 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 Assurance of Pardon

*Hy	mns of Assurance	"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, O 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*)

Gift of Music

Marilyn Phillips

Scripture Reader

New Testament Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32 N.T. page 123

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

All: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

All: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

### All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

\*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 Luke 10:1-12, 17-24 N.T. page 71

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

Sermon "The Joy of Jesus" Ron Phillips

*Hymn of Response	"Rejoice the Lord is King"	#228

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love; When he has purged our stains, he took his seat above; Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And take his servants up to their eternal home: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Prayers of the People 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 "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

Ron Phillips

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.



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