



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 4th, 2025

3rd 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: Thank you heavenly Father for you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and have brought us into the kingdom of your Son. As by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to joys eternal. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*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)

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

“Thanks and Praise”

by Songs from the Soil

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

We are here together, to lift our hearts as one.

We're in our Father's presence, his Spirit is with us:

(Refrain:)

It is good to lift the name of the Lord, our God,

It is right to give him thanks and praise;

For his heart is overflowing with love for us

And his mercy, we can never contain.

And each and every morning, we'll tell of his great love,

Of all his faithful mercies, and all that he has done,

For who can match his kindness, and who can count his works?

Oh, let our praise continue, 'til evening draws in close. *(Refrain)*

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“Ask of Me”

Sanctuary Choir

(Words, included on last page: Mary Foil; Music: Douglas Nolan)

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Joel Russell-MacLean

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 30

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me. Sing praises to the Lord, faithful ones, and give thanks to the Lord's holy name.

All: For the Lords' anger is but for a moment; the Lord's favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Leader: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

All: To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

Leader: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

All: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

All: My soul praises you and will not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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 Luke 24:13-35

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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”

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**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)***

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 one, holy, universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to the Supper

Chris Senger

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

Norma Holtslander

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.

Communion

We Respond to Go

*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.**

(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)***

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

“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.

“Ask of Me”

(Words: Mary Foil; Music: Douglas Nolan)

Ask of me, and I will hear. Ask of me, for I am near.
I will hear the whispered prayer; ev’ry need and ev’ry care.
Ask of me, and I will give. Ask of me and you will live.
Ask of me. Ask of me.

Ask of me (ask of me), and I will hear (I will hear.)
Ask of me (ask of me), for I am near.
Call my name, and you will find, that all your needs will be supplied.
Ask of me (ask of me), and I will give (and I will give.)
Ask of me (ask of me), and you will live.
Ask of me. Ask of me.

Knock, the door will open. Seek, and you will find.
Ask, and I will answer. None will be denied. (None will be denied.)

Oh, ask of me (ask of me), and I will hear (I will hear.)
Ask of me (ask of me), for I am near.
Till that day I take your hand, and lead you to the promised land,
Ask of me (ask of me), and I will give (and I will give.)
Ask of me (ask of me), and you will live.