

First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, May 11th, 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

Oluwaseye Popoola

**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*) 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

*Hymns of Praise	"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"	by Rick Founds
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The children are invited forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship.

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way; From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky: Lord, I lift your name on high. \*Hymn of Praise "King of Kings" (by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood)

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*)

Confession of Sin Assurance of Pardon

Children's Blessing

**Cheryl Johnston** 

**Chris Senger** 

Jesus lives, and so shall I: Death, thy sting is gone forever! He for me hath deigned to die, lives the bands of death to sever. He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and reigns supreme; and, his kingdom still remaining, I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning. God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving, I will change my heart and ways, ever to his glory living. Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory; Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee. Thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust. Scripture Reader

John Hillmer

New Testament Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 3:12-21 N.T. page

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

- All: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures; The Lord leads me beside still waters;
- Leader: The Lord restores my soul. The Lord leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
- Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long

## \*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 14:15-24 N.T. page

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

Sermon "Come, Everything Is Now Ready"

\*Hymn of Response. "Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)" (John Bell & Graham Maule; Arr. John Bell)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

## 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.

(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*)

\*Benediction

Music for Departing

Oluwaseye 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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