



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, May 18th, 2025

4th 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

Joel Russell-MacLean

*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!

We Approach God

*Hymns of Praise "Hallelujah, What a Saviour!" #175, v1, 3-5

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

**"Man of sorrows!" what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Saviour!**

**Guilty, helpless, lost were we; spotless Lamb of God was he,
Full atonement can it be? Hallelujah, what a Saviour!**

**Lifted up was he to die; "It is finished" was his cry;
Now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Saviour!**

**When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Saviour!**

“Our Great God”
(Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell)

**Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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**Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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**Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his word.**

**Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“A Miracle Man”
(by Joel Raney)

Sanctuary Choir

Lyrics can be found at the back of the bulletin

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Rowan Russell-MacLean

New Testament Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 17:22, 29-31

N.T. page 137

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 10

Leader: Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor— let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

All: For the wicked boast of the desires of their heart, those greedy for gain curse and renounce the Lord.

Leader: In the pride of their countenance the wicked say, “God will not seek it out”; all their thoughts are, “There is no God.”

All: Their ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of their sight; as for their foes, they scoff at them. They think in their heart, “We shall not be moved.”

Leader: They sit in ambush in the villages; in hiding places they murder the innocent. Their eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;

All: They seize the poor and drag them off in their net and the helpless fall by their might.

Leader: Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed.

All: Why do the wicked renounce God, and say in their hearts, “You will not call us to account”?

Leader: They think in their heart, “God has forgotten, God has hidden his face, God will never see it.”

All: But you do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief, that you may take it into your hands; the helpless commit themselves to you.

Leader: The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations shall perish from God’s land.

All: O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

*Gloria Patri

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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.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon. "A Well Established and Fixed Thirst"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

"Jesus Paid it All"

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**I hear the Saviour say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."**

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find thy pow'r and thine alone,

Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim—

I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,

"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

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.

(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

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.

"A Miracle Man"

(by Joel Raney)

Jesus was a miracle man, the wind and the water obeyed his command.
He could feed the hungry, make a blind man see,
He could cast out demons, set the captive free.
He could heal the sick with a touch of his hand, Jesus was a miracle man.

At a wedding feast down in Galilee,
He gave a sign for the world to see.
He revealed his glory for the very first time,
Jesus turned the water into wine!

Jesus was a miracle man, the wind and the water obeyed his command.
He could feed the hungry, make a blind man see,
He could cast out demons, set the captive free.
He could heal the sick with a touch of his hand, Jesus was a miracle man.

As they fished in the Lake of Gennesaret,
They had nothing to show but an empty net.
But Jesus said, "Simon, try it one more time,"
And the weight of the fish nearly broke the line!

Jesus was a miracle man, the wind and the water obeyed his command.
He could feed the hungry, make a blind man see,
He could cast out demons, set the captive free.
He could heal the sick with a touch of his hand, Jesus was a miracle man.

He made a deaf man hear, a mute man speak,
Healed a paralyzed man who was placed at his feet.
He fed the hungry crowd with some fish and bread,
And with a shout, raised Lazarus from the dead!

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He could feed the hungry, make a blind man see,
He could cast out demons, set the captive free.
He could heal the sick with a touch of his hand, Jesus was a miracle man.
A miracle man. He was a miracle man!