



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, May 25th, 2025

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

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Chris Senger

*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 “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!**

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell MacLean

God At Work in Our Lives

**Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.**

(Refrain)

**I'll fly away - O glory! I'll fly away - in the morning -
When I die, hallelujah! by and by, I'll fly away.**

Instrumental

**When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from prison walls has flown, I'll fly away. *(Refrain)***

Instrumental

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. *(Refrain)***

Gift of Music

"Lift High the Name of Jesus"

Sanctuary Choir &

Jack Dublanica & Amber Fyfe

(Words & music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, Fionan De Barra; Arr. Mary McDonald)

Lyrics can be found at the back of the bulletin

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

*Hymn of Assurance

"The Kingdom of God"

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**John saw the heav'n and earth made new, the first had passed away,
The holy city coming down, the new Jerusalem.**

**And God himself shall dwell with us, and wipe away all tears,
There is no sorrow, pain or death, throughout the coming years.**

**"Behold, I make all things anew," these faithful words are true,
To him who overcometh sin, on earth with God shall rule.**

**In beautiful Jerusalem, God's glory gives it light,
All kings and nations walk in it, "For there shall be no night."**

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Adoniram Holtslander

New Testament Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 17:1-9

N.T. page 137

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 145

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

All: They shall make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

All: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

All: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Leader: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

All: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on the Lord in truth. The Lord fulfills the desire of all who fear him; the Lord also hears their cry, and saves them.

Leader: The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked the Lord will destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless the Lord's holy name forever and ever.

*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. "The Kingdom of God Is Among You"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"
(Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty)

**Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King.
Let his song rise within you as a fragrant offering.
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in his unfailing grace.**

(Refrain:)

**King of heaven, we will answer the call;
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.**

**Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before him, loving all that is right;
That the life of Christ may shine through us. *(Refrain)***

**Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost;
With the Father's compassion, in the wonder of the cross.
Bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come.
Let the nations put their trust in him. *(Refrain)***

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.

“Lift High the Name of Jesus”

(Words & music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, Fionan De Barra; Arr. Mary McDonald)

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.
Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing, my soul, and tell all he's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with his glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world;
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace;
That all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

Oh sing, my soul, and tell all he's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with his glory.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise our soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.
We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home.

Oh sing, my soul, and tell all he's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with his glory;
Till the earth and heavens are filled with his glory!
Lift high, lift high his name!



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