



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, May 10, 2026

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: Lord God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, the source and sender of every good thing: Grant to us that by your holy inspiration we may fix our thoughts on all things good and, with your merciful guidance, live in them daily; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit "It's Easter! It's Easter!"

It's Easter! It's Easter! The stone's rolled away!

It's Easter! It's Easter! This is the Lord's day!

**New faith for the doubter, new joy for the sad,
Our Saviour walks with us to make our hearts glad.**

It's Easter! It's Easter! Christ lives once again.

It's Easter! It's Easter! God's loudest "Amen"!

We sing "Hallelujah!" We sing "Praise the Lord!"

Who raised up our Jesus and spoke the last word.

Call to Worship and Prayer

Adoniram Holtslander

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.

God at Work in Our Lives

Adoniram Holtslander

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymns of Praise

“Thanks and Praise”

(Jonny Riggs, Chloe Edmonds, and Lucy Grimble)

The children are invited to come 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)*

“I Believe in Jesus”

(Marc Nelson)

I believe in Jesus; I believe he is the Son of God.

I believe he died and rose again; I believe he paid for us all.

And I believe he is here now standing in our midst,

Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

I believe in you, Lord; I believe you are the Son of God.

I believe you died and rose again; I believe you paid for us all.

And I believe you are here now standing in our midst,

Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Call to Confession

Norma Holtslander

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Preparation

“The Day of Resurrection”

#226

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:15-19 (p. 241, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 11

Leader: In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to me, "Flee like a bird to the mountains;

All: For look, the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.

Leader: If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

All: The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven.

Leader: His eyes behold, his gaze examines humankind.

All: The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, and his soul hates the lover of violence.

Leader: On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and sulfur; a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

All: For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

*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: Matthew 25:31-46 (p. 29, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Jesus Tells Us the Story of our Lives"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Our Great Saviour”

#89

**Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Saviour, makes me whole.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! What a Saviour! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (Refrain)**

**Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. (Refrain)**

**Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my Pilot, hears my cry. (Refrain)**

**Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. (Refrain)**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Thine Is the Glory”

#227, vs 1-2

**Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

(Refrain)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *(Refrain)***

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Following the service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends”—an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

Parents: Please go to meet your children in the nursery and/or children’s classes, as they can only be dismissed into your care.

If you are visiting or just getting to know us, visit our welcome page:



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