

First Baptist Church at Worship

April 22, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Gathering Song

HALLE, HALLE



O God, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life.

Let Your words be our prayer and the song we sing: hallelujah, hallelujah. REFRAIN

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them, they follow me.

I will lead them to rest by the peaceful streams: hallelujah, hallelujah. REFRAIN

Now Christ is raised up from death. He will never die again.

All who follow his way shall have life in him: hallelujah, hallelujah. REFRAIN

- Caribbean folk song

Greeting and Call to Worship

Paul Sims

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

Surely goodness and mercy are with us

and we will live in God's house forever.

+Hymn 306

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

+Prayer of the Day

Alice Tremaine

... through the one who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. Amen.

+Affirmation of Faith

Paul Sims

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Baptism of Rebecca Rosen

Austin Carty

+Easter Alleluia

by Finton O'Carroll



The Word

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

Psalm 23

setting by Allen Pote

sung by The Sanctuary Choir

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life. Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and staff will comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And in the house of my God I will live forever.

A Reading from the Epistles: I John 3:16-24

Alice Tremaine

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 272 *They'll Know We Are Christians* ST. BRENDAN'S

+The Easter Gospel: John 10:11-18 Paul Sims
 The Gospel of our Lord
 Thanks be to God

Sermon "The Good Shepherd or the Hired Hand?" Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 354 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* JOYFUL SONG
 If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please
 come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer Paul Sims
 Loose change received in April will support the work of CBF Field Personnel Scarlette Jasper, who
 works in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky through Olive Branch Ministries and Together for Hope.

Organ Offertory *Brother James' Air* setting by Dale Wood

Prayers of the People Austin Carty

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. Amen.

+Doxology for Easter LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 Praise God from whom all grace flows forth!
 Praise Life, all creatures here on earth! Alleluia, alleluia.
 Praise Light who guides us on our way!
 Praise Love who forms us day by day! Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sending

+The Peace

Austin Carty

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 637

Guide My Feet

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+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty & Paul Sims

This is how you will know the love of Jesus Christ – by accepting it as a free and valued gift.

*And this is how the world will know that you are a child of Jesus Christ – by the way you
love one another, in truth and in action. Go in love. **Amen.***

Organ Postlude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

setting by Robert Hobby

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

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