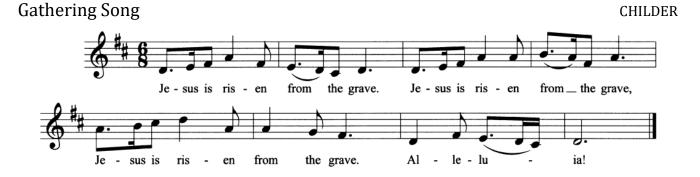
# First Baptist Church at Worship

April 26, 2020 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## The Third Sunday of Easter



Jesus was seen by Mary, ... Alleluia! Thomas will stop his doubting, ... Alleluia! Jesus will meet his people, ... Alleluia! Jesus is here in bread and wine, ... Alleluia! - John Bell

## Greeting and Call to Worship

Jefferson Calico

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! As the sun set over the village of Emmaus, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his friends. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Today we gather around our tables, hoping – trusting – to behold the risen Lord.

May our eyes be open to recognize Jesus in our midst.

#### Hymn

### Day of Arising

BUNESSAN

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
Yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: stay, do not part.
Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
When the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, Bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us Your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with You may rise.

#### - Susan Palo Cherwien

## **Opening Prayer**

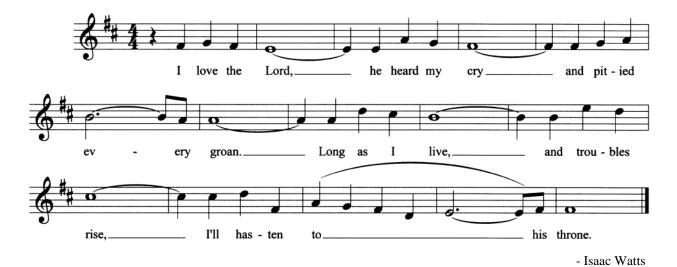
## Phil Majors

Paul Sims

#### Psalm 116

setting by Richard Smallwood

I love the Lord, he heard my cry and pitied every groan. Long as I live, and troubles rise, I'll hasten to his throne. I love the Lord, he heard my cry and chased my grief away. O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.



The Easter Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 The Gospel of our Lord **Thanks be to God** 

#### "He Is Made Known to Us" Sermon Jefferson Calico Hymn *Come to Us, Beloved Stranger* **BEACH SPRING** Come to us, beloved Stranger, as You came that Easter day. Walk with us to our Emmaus, for we need You still today. Come to us when we are broken, when our dearest hopes are lost. Speak to us the prophets' message You fulfilled upon the cross. Stay with us and give us blessing, that our hopes again may rise. Offer us Your broken body; open our unseeing eyes. Come to us, God's love embodied; touch our hearts with burning flame. Risen Christ, once dead, now living, come to us through joy, through pain. We would never fail to see You as You walk with us each day. As a friend and not a stranger You would join us on our way. Help us trust that through Your mercy we can doubt and fear transcend, And to others be a blessing. Keep us faithful to the end. - Edith Sinclair Downing

## The Celebration of Communion

Hymn

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

**Phil Majors** 

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; .... Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest: Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; ....

- Fanny J. Crosby

Benediction

Jefferson Calico

Gayle Majors, Organist Carolyn Garr, cantor

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