

First Baptist Church at Worship

April 29, 2018

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

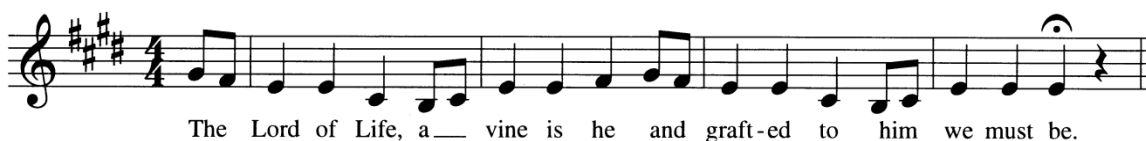
Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

by John Carter



*The Lord of Life, a vine is he and grafted to him we must be;
And thus we yield abundantly sweet fruit for all to taste and see. **REFRAIN**
If we be joined to him, we know his strength and power will help us grow.
His Spirit's grace through us to flow to prune and shape us as we go. **REFRAIN**
The vine is he, the branches we for now and to eternity.
His word sown deep in us will be both sun and rain ... sufficiency. **REFRAIN***
- Mary Kay Beall

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Christ Jesus is the true vine.
And we are the branches.
My friends, let us love one another,
for love comes from God.*

+Hymn 310

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

+Prayer of Confession

Austin Carty

*God of life, You have adopted us as Your own through Jesus Christ,
yet we seek to live our lives apart from You, as if a branch cut off from
its roots can survive, much less bear fruit. We claim for ourselves the
name of Christ, but we live as if we belong to another.*
(the prayer continues on page 2)

We treat Your favor like a trophy – a sign of our deserving instead of Your grace. Even now, we ask for Your forgiveness, while withholding this same grace from others.

Have mercy on us, O God!

Apart from You we can do nothing.

Help us to abide in You through Jesus Christ,

that our lives may bear fruit and Your name be glorified. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+Easter Alleluia

by Finton O'Carroll



The Word

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

Psalms 22

AZMON

Amid the thronging worshipers the living Lord I bless;

Before my people, gathered here, God's name I will confess.

Come sing with all who fear the Lord, You children of God's grace;

With rev'rence sound all glory forth and bow before God's face.

The burden of the sorrowful the Lord will not despise;

God has not turned from those who mourn but listens to their cries.

Such goodness makes me join the throng where saints this praise proclaim,

And there will I fulfill my vows with those who fear God's name.

- Fred Anderson

A Reading from the Epistles: I John 4:7-21

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The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 507

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

+The Easter Gospel: John 15:1-8

Sabrina Smith

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Response

by John Carter



The Lord of Life, a vine is he and graft-ed to him we must be.

The Lord of Life, the Source Divine calls us to come, with him entwine.

Will we, unhearing, dare decline the call of Christ, the one True Vine? REFRAIN

Sermon

“Withering Branches”

Sabrina Smith

Responding

+Hymn

Christian Hearts, in Love United

BEACH SPRING

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.

Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest;

Has he not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast.

Members on our Head depending, lights reflecting him, our Sun,

Christians, his commands attending, we in him, our Lord, are one.

Come, then, come, O flock of Jesus, covenant with him anew;

Unto him who conquered for us, pledge we love and service true;

And should our love's union holy firmly linked no more remain

Wait ye at his footstool lowly, till he draw it close again.

Grant, Lord, that with Thy direction, “love each other,” we comply,

Aiming with unfeigned affection Thy love to exemplify;

Let our mutual love be glowing, so that all will plainly see

That we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in Thee.

- Nicolaus von Zinzendorf

+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.

Offertory Anthem

Love Comes from God

by Allen Pote

*My friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God,
And everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.*

No greater love have you than this, than to lay down your life for a friend.

Jesus has said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

But they who do not love do not know God, for God is love.

He sent his only begotten Son, so that we might live through him.

Peace be with you, my friends.

- from I John 4 and John 15

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Austin Carty

*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

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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

Paul Sims

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 519

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ASH GROVE

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

Paul says the fruit of the Spirit is

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Goodness,

Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. May we live by the Spirit. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Postludium

by Ron Boud

+all who are able may stand

Gayle Majors, Organist

Sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Eldred's sister

Carolyn Von Gruenigen Walker

by

Eldred and Maxine Von Gruenigen and family