First Baptist Church at Worship

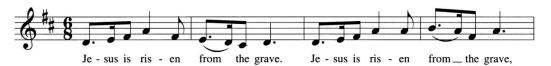
The Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2019
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Community Gathers before God

Greeting Austin Carty

Gathering Song

CHILDER





Peter will soon be smiling, ... Alleluia!

Jesus will meet his people, ... Alleluia!

Jesus is here in bread and wine, ... Alleluia!

Jesus will live forever, ... Alleluia!

- John Bell

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Because we love our Lord Jesus Christ,

we will feed his lambs.

Because we love our Lord Jesus Christ,

we will tend his sheep.

+Hymn 198

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

... that we may truly know that You are our Lord and You are risen indeed. Amen.

+Easter Alleluia

r Alleluia by Finton O'Carroll





The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon Alice Tremaine

The First Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Psalm 30 NETTLETON

Sing to God, that all may hear you! God, whose arms can lift and save;

By Thy healing touch, revive us, life restore beyond the grave.

Praise we now our sure salvation, God, the Holy One above,

End the night so dimmed by anguish, with the sunrise of Thy love.

God, whose wrath we more than merit; God, whose grace we cannot earn;

When the pride of human nature from Thy ways tempts us to turn;

Then we cry to Thee for mercy, "Can the tomb repeat Thy praise?"

Through Thy goodness, yet redeem us, make us faithful all our days.

Change our sorrow to rejoicing, clothe with gladness all despair;

Cause unsteady feet that stumble now to dance beneath Thy care.

Dry the tears we shed in mourning, give us steadfast hope always;

Fill our hearts with expectation, and our songs with thanks and praise.

- Michael Morgan

+The Easter Gospel: John 21:1-19

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon "Do You Love Me More Than These?"

Austin Carty

Anthem

Feed My Lambs

setting by Matthew Wolka

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

At the daybreak Christ is waiting, Risen Healer, Constant Friend,

By a fire preparing breakfast, humble meal of fish and bread.

And he beckons his disciples from a weary night at sea,

In the crescent light he questions, "Do you love me more than these?"

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

Through the years the church has gathered 'round the Christ, Eternal Flame,

Known in water, word, and banquet, serving all he calls by name.

Here the yearning, here the witness, here the provender of grace,

Love that finds, forgives, and fills us, sends us singing from this place:

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

Now the Church, a living welcome, moves as Christ within the world,

Both its faith and sin confessing, life is mended, healed, restored:

Seeing Christ in every stranger, sharing freely all that's giv'n,

Bearing hope through joy and justice, bread of earth and bread of heav'n.

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

The Celebration of Communion Breaking the Bread; Lifting the Cup

The Communion of the People

please come forward by way of a center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, then partake of the bread and wine; please return to your pew by way of a window aisle and be seated.

music during communion:

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican folk song



Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy; Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. **REFRAIN**

Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. **REFRAIN** Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere. REFRAIN

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,

- Fred Kaan

O Risen Christ, You Search Our Hearts

LAND OF REST

O Risen Christ, You search our hearts with love's all-seeing eye And ask us, "Do you love me most?" and wait for our reply.

"Yes, Lord, we love You!" we protest. "Have You not heard our praise, Nor seen that we have followed You and served You all our days?"

"Friend, do you love me more than these – than comfort, praise, and wealth? And do you love me more than this – your closely guarded self?"

"Yes, Lord, we love You," we reply, "beyond all other good; But tempted, tested, still we fail to serve You as we should." Christ, help us live the love we speak, our sacred vows to keep, To hear and answer when You call, "Now go, and feed my sheep!"

- Herman Stuempfle

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee, all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; And singing Thy praises, before Thee I'll bow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

- William Featherson

The Peace Austin Carty

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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.

O Risen Christ, still wounded, triumphant, broken Life,

Whose glory holds within it the scars of human strife:

May we Your living Body, the church that bears Your name,

Be likewise true in bearing the marks of hurt and shame.

O Risen Christ, still feeding with fish and bread and wine,

Whose care becomes incarnate when word and deed combine:

So may Your church be mindful of every human need,

To nourish souls and bodies and hungry hearts to feed.

O Risen Christ, still reigning, to let Love's pow'r be shown,

You took our human nature and made a cross Your throne:

Convert Your church from thinking that worldly pow'r is good;

Awake us to discover true strength in servanthood.

- Carl Daw

+Offertory Prayer

Paul Sims

Loose change received in May will benefit CBF Kentucky's Extreme Build 2019. For more information, visit www.cbfky.org.

Organ Offertory

More Love to Thee, O Christ

setting by Harold DeCou

+Doxology

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.

The Community Departs for Ministry

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty and Paul Sims

As you go from this place, seek the presence of the Risen Christ in everyone you meet. And may God give you grace to follow the command of Jesus:

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Prelude on Two American Folk Hymns
BEACH SPRING and NEW BRITAIN

by Ralph Hastings

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist Carolyn Garr, cantor

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of our mother, Eula Taylor, in commemoration of her May 7th birthday

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Wylene and Mack Jones
Maxine and Eldred Von Gruenigen