

First Baptist Church at Worship

April 15, 2018

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Third Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Gathering Song

DOWN TO THE RIVER



As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way

And who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way. **REFRAIN**

- American folk song

Greeting and Call to Worship

Larry Gray

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Open your hearts; listen to what God will say.

Let all the peoples praise You, O God;

let all the peoples praise You!

+Hymn 307

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+Prayer of the Day

Carolyn Garr

...let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! Alleluia! Amen.

+Easter Alleluia

by Finton O'Carroll



The Word

Children's Sermon

Larry Gray

First Lesson

Philippians 4:10-20

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Psalm 67

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***God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of Your face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill Your world with light divine;
All Your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.
Let the people praise You, Lord; be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King;
At Your feet their tribute pay, and Your holy will obey.
Let the people praise You, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us Your blessing give; we to You devoted live,
All below and all above, one in joy and light and love.***

- Henry Lyte

Second Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

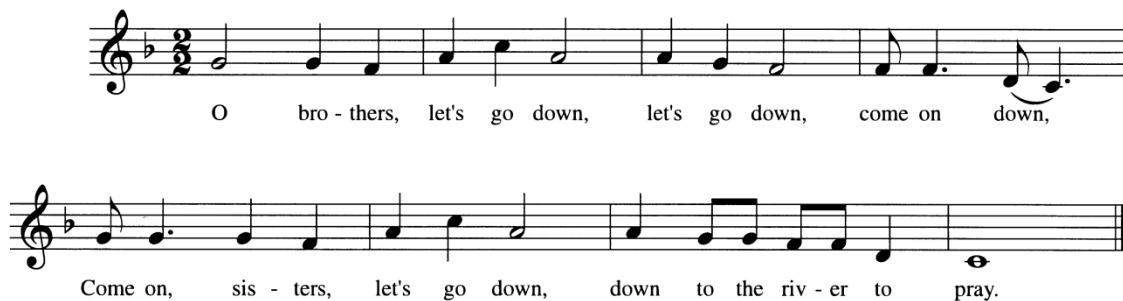
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The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Response

DOWN TO THE RIVER



Sermon

Amber Inscore-Essick

Responding

+Hymn

We All Are One in Mission

AURELIA

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.

*We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know God's love.
We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
So every land and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

- Rusty Edwards

+Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Garr

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 *With Grateful Heart, I Thank You, Lord*

by Mary Kay Beall

*I thank You, Lord, for each new day, for meadows white with dew,
For the sun's warm hand upon the earth, for skies of endless blue,
For fruit and flower, for lamb and leaf, for every bird that sings.
With grateful heart I thank You, Lord, for all those simple things.
I thank You, Lord, for wind and rain and for the silver moon,
For every daisy's lifted face, for every lovely tune,
For winter's white, for autumn's gold, for harvest and for home.
With grateful heart, I thank You, Lord, for each good gift I own.
I thank You, Lord, for hand and heart to offer up Your praise.
I thank You, Lord, for tongue to speak of all Your loving ways.
For health and strength, for work and play, for loved ones far and near,
With grateful heart I thank You, Lord, for all that I hold dear.*

Prayers of the People

Larry Gray

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

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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

Larry Gray

*The peace of the risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

+Sending Song *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* by Wendell Whalum

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime;*
2. *I'm gonna work so God can use me,*
3. *I'm gonna pray so God can use me,*
4. *I'm gonna sing so God can use me,*

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Larry Gray

*Worshippers of God, we are called into the world – God has work for us to do.
God invites us to follow where Jesus leads – even to unexpected places.
Do not be afraid – the peace of God goes with you, today and always.
Let the people praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Send Forth Your Word, O God

setting by Gayle Majors

*Send forth Your Word through us, O God! May we be bearers of that Word
That all may hear of Christ, our Lord. Send forth Your Word, O God.*

- Milburn Price

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

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