First Baptist Church at Worship

April 23, 2017 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Greeting Austin Carty

Gathering Song

CHILDER





Jesus was seen by Mary, ... Alleluia!

Peter will soon be smiling, ... Alleluia!

Thomas will stop his doubting, ... Alleluia!

Jesus will meet his people, ... Alleluia!

- John Bell, 20th century

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 198

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

... where Christ lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit. Amen.

+Easter Alleluia by Finton O'Carroll





The Word

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

Psalm 16

setting by Hal Hopson



You, Lord, are all I have, and You give me all I need; my future is in Your hands.

How wonderful are Your gifts to me; how good they are!

I praise the Lord, because God guides me, and in the night my conscience warns me.

I am always aware of the Lord's presence; God is near and nothing can shake me.

And so I am thankful and glad; I feel completely secure, because You protect me from the power of death.

I have served You faithfully; You will not abandon me to the world of the dead.

You will show me the path that leads to life;

Your presence fills me with joy and pleasure. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: I Peter 1:3-9

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 223

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

+The Easter Gospel: John 20:19-31

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"My Lord and My God"

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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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 walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,

O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch Your hands and side, nor follow where You trod;

But in Your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound

To call on You when You are near and seek where You are found.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light

May we behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

- Henry Alford (alt.), 19th century

+Offertory Prayer

April Carty

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

Because He Lives

setting by Jack Schrader

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive;

He lived and died to buy my pardon – an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone;

Because I know, I know he holds the future, my life is worth the living – just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives;

But greater still the calm assurance: this child can face uncertain days because Christ lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone;

Because I know, I know he holds the future, my life is worth the living - just because he lives.

- Gloria Gaither and William Gaither, 20th century

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Alex Lockridge

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.

Sending

+The Peace Austin Carty

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Sending Song CHILDER

Jesus is risen from the grave, ... Alleluia! Jesus will live forever, ... Alleluia!

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty, Alex Lockridge, & Paul Sims

As you go, remember that the peace of Christ is with you, the power of the Holy Spirit will uphold you, and the love of God will keep you – this day and every day. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

setting by Alice Jordan

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> Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

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Marie Leake

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by

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Kevin and Sherry Pace