

# First Baptist Church at Worship

May 6, 2018  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

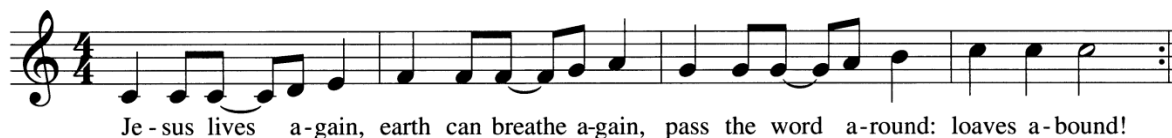
## The Community Gathers before God

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

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

- Fred Kaan

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things.  
**All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Break forth into joyful song!  
**God judges the world with righteousness. Let the earth resound with praise!***

+Hymn 319

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

+Easter Alleluia

by Finton O'Carroll



# The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

Psalm 98

setting by Hal Hopson



*God has done such marvelous things; **REFRAIN** God's great might all the earth now sings. **REFRAIN** God's great power now is shown. "God has triumphed," make it known.*

*Sing it out, sing it loud and strong; **REFRAIN***

*Justice, love, and peace abound; **REFRAIN** Israel's strength in the Lord is found. **REFRAIN***

*When in need the people called, God's great might was shown to all.*

*Sing it out, sing it loud and strong; **REFRAIN***

*Seas be glad, let the oceans roar; **REFRAIN** Praises sound from shore to shore. **REFRAIN***

*God now comes to rule in might. God brings justice, truth, and light.*

*Sing it out, sing it loud and strong; **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles: I John 5:1-6

Austin Carty

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 627

*Victory in Jesus*

HARTFORD

+The Easter Gospel: John 15:9-17

Paul Sims

*The Gospel of our Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Sermon

"The Victory that Conquers the World"

Austin Carty

## The Community Shares in Christ's Life

+Hymn

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HOLY MANNA

***Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.***

***Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.***

***In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.***

***Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.***

***Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.***

***Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.***

***Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;***

***Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.***

(the hymn continues on page 3)

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

- Brian Wren

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Austin Carty and Paul Sims

*The Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*We lift them to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

(the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

*... Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer You thanks and praise at all times  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## The Celebration of Communion

### Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

You may remain seated until time for your row to come to the table. Come forward by way of a center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of the bread and wine. Please return to your pew by way of a window aisle and be seated.

music during communion:

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

ASSURANCE

*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, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;*

*Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; ....*

- Fanny Crosby

*Let Us Be Bread*

by Thomas Porter

The musical notation is written on two staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the

world. Let us be wine, love free - ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

*I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more. REFRAIN*

*You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends. REFRAIN*

+The Peace

Paul Sims

*The peace of the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.*

+Hymn 246

*The Church's One Foundation*

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.

+Offertory Prayer

Austin Carty

Loose change received in May will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden

Offertory Anthem

*Sing Praise to the Lord*

setting by Robert Hobby

*Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise in the height; rejoice in God's word, you angels of light;  
O heavens, adore him by whom you were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.  
Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise upon earth, in tuneful accord, all you of new birth;  
O praise him who brought you his grace from above; O praise him who taught you to sing of his love.  
Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to God be outpoured all ages along:  
For love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace and salvation, sing praise to the Lord!*

- Henry Baker

+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.*

## The Community Departs for Ministry

+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

*The Rejoicing*

by Charles Callahan

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

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of  
Eula Taylor  
in commemoration of her birthday  
by  
Wylene and Mack Jones  
Maxine and Eldred Von Gruenigen*