First Baptist Church at Worship

April 16, 2017 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

EASTER SUNDAY

The Celebration of Resurrection

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

setting by Karl Osterland

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

the Christ Candle is returned to the chancel as a symbol of the dawning of resurrection

Acclamation Paul Sims

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

+Hymn 194

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

+Prayer of the Day

Austin Carty

... that we, too, may proclaim healing and peace to the nations. Amen.

+Easter Alleluia by Finton O'Carroll





- 20th century

The Word

Children's Sermon Alex Lockridge

Psalm 118

setting by Marty Haugen





Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures forever;

Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures forever." REFRAIN

The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand is exalted,

I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord. REFRAIN

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,

The Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes! REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: I Corinthians 15:1-11

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Anthem

Joy to the Heart

by K. Lee Scott

Look there! the Christ, our Brother comes resplendent from the gallows tree

And what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.

Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope And let the blood flow from his flesh to fills the springs of living hope.

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother died in darkest hurt upon the tree

To offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.

Joy! joy! joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning!

- John Bennett, 20th century

+The Easter Gospel: John 20:1-18

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Why Are You Weeping?"

Austin Carty

Responding

Anthem Let Your Alleluias Rise

by K. Lee Scott

Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary, Christ has risen from the tomb;

On the cross a suffering victim, now as victor he is come.

Whom your tears in death were mourning, welcome with your smiles returning.

Let your alleluias rise, let your alleluias rise!

Raise your weary eyelids, Mary, see him living evermore;

See his countenance, how gracious, see the wounds for you he bore.

All the glory of the morning pales before those wounds redeeming.

Let your alleluias rise, let your alleluias rise!

Life is yours forever, Mary, for your light is come once more,

And the strength of death is broken; now your songs of joy outpour.

Ended now the night of sorrow, love has brought the blessed morrow.

Let your alleluias rise, let your alleluias rise!

- 12th century Latin hymn

+Affirmation of Faith

Paul Sims

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.

- from I Corinthians 15 & Colossians 1

+Hymn 622

He Lives

ACKLEY

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

Casie McBurney

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.

Organ Offertory

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

setting by Gordon Young

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

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.

Sending

+The Peace Paul Sims

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

HYMN TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled -

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:

See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;

Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

- Christopher Wordsworth, 19th century

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty, Alex Lockridge, & Paul Sims

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection.

Alleluia!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

setting by David Lowe

+all who are able may stand

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