

First Baptist Church at Worship

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

April 17, 2016

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

BEACH SPRING

*Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.
In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.
Come, then, children, with your burdens – life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them – he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.*

-Marva Dawn, 20th century

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!*

*For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd,
and will guide us to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.*

*Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!*

Amen.

- from Revelation 7

+Hymn

Ye Servants of God

LYONS

1. Ye ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, And pub-lish a-broad
2. God rul-eth on high, al-might-y to save; And still He is nigh,
3. Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne, Let all cry a-loud
4. Then let us a-dore and give Him His right, All glo-ry and pow'r,
His won-der-ful name; The name all-vic-tor-ious of Je-sus
His pres-ence we have; The great con-gre-ga-tion His tri-umph
and all hon-or the Son: The prais-es of Je-sus the an-gels
and wis-dom and might; All hon-or and bless-ing, with an-gels
ex-tol; His king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all.
shall sing, As-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus our King.
pro-claim, Fall down on their fac-es and wor-ship the Lamb.
a-bove, And thanks nev-er-ceas-ing, and in-fi-nite love.

- Charles Wesley, 18th century

+Prayer of the Day

Austin Carty

... and serve Your purpose in the world; in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

+Easter Alleluia

by Finton O'Carroll

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

- 20th century

The Word

Children's Sermon

Casey Petrey

Psalm 23

ST. COLUMBA

please join to sing hymn 64: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

A Reading from The Revelation of John, chapter 7

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 355

We Praise Thee, O God

REVIVE US AGAIN

+The Easter Gospel: John 10:22-30

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Tell Us Plainly”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 354

Praise Him! Praise Him!

JOYFUL SONG

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

David Myers

Loose change received in April will go to support the work of CBF Field Personnel Scarlett Jasper, who works in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky through Olive Branch Ministries and Together for Hope.

Offertory Anthem

The Lord's My Shepherd

setting by John Carter

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie

In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,

For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;

My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;

And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

- Scottish Psalter, 17th century

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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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, alleluia.*

Sending

+The Peace

Paul Sims

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

+Hymn 637

Guide My Feet

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+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

*Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.
We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.
Let us bless our Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
May the God of peace, who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever!
Alleluia! Amen.*

Organ Postlude

+all who are able may stand
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