

First Baptist Church at Worship

April 30, 2017
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Third Sunday of Easter

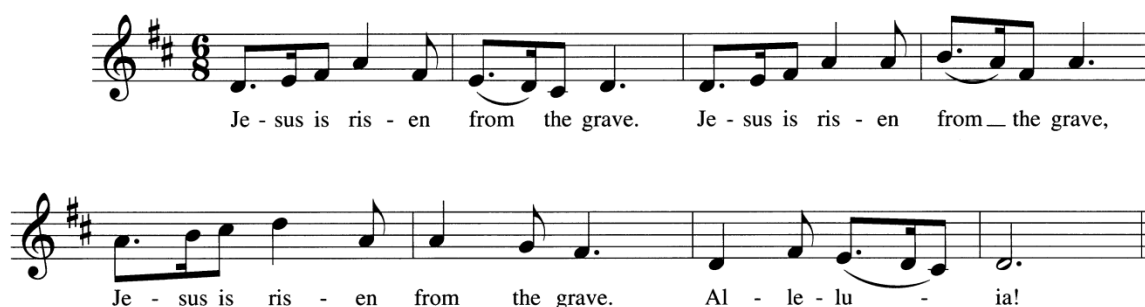
The Community Gathers before God

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

CHILDER



Jesus was seen by Mary, ... Alleluia!

Thomas will stop his doubting, ... Alleluia!

Jesus will meet his people, ... Alleluia!

Jesus is here in bread and wine, ... Alleluia!

- John Bell, 20th century

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us.

Our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

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.

- Brian Wren, 20th century

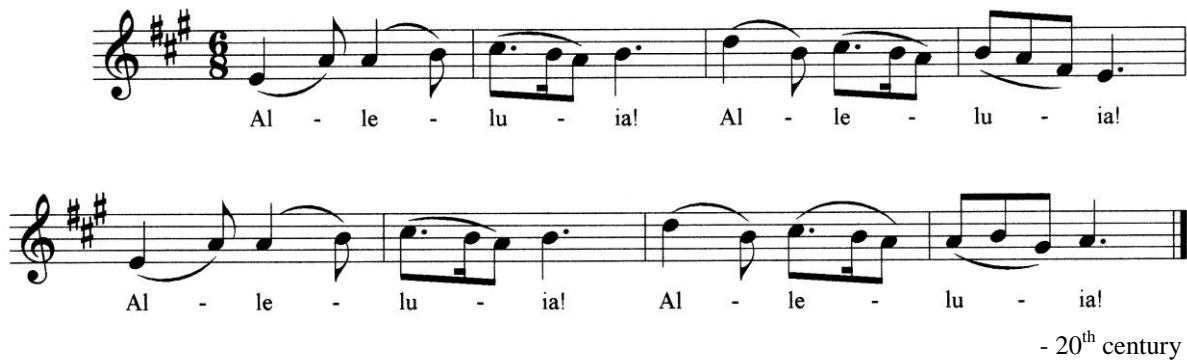
+Prayer of the Day

Austin Carty

... reveal to us Your purpose in our lives, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

+Easter Alleluia

by Finton O'Carroll



The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 116

setting by Joe Cox



I love the Lord who heard my voice. God heard my cry for mercy.

*Because God turned his ear to me, I will call on God as long as I live. **REFRAIN***

The cords of death entangled me. I was overcome by sorrow.

*Then I called the name of the Lord: O Lord, save me. **REFRAIN***

Be at rest, once more my soul; the Lord has been good to you;

*Delivered your soul from death, your eyes from tears. **REFRAIN***

- 20th century

A Reading from the Epistles: I Peter 1:17-23

Sabrina Smith

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 619

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

+The Easter Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Redeemed to Love”

Sabrina Smith

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Hymn

Come to Us, Beloved Stranger

BEACH SPRING

*Come to us, beloved Stranger, as You came that Easter day.
Walk with us to our Emmaus, for we need You still today.
Come to us when we are broken, when our dearest hopes are lost.
Speak to us the prophets' message You fulfilled upon the cross.
Stay with us and give us blessing, that our hopes again may rise.
Offer us Your broken body; open our unseeing eyes.
Come to us, God's love embodied; touch our hearts with burning flame.
Risen Christ, once dead, now living, come to us through joy, through pain.
We would never fail to see You as You walk with us each day.
As a friend and not a stranger You would join us on our way.
Help us trust that through Your mercy we can doubt and fear transcend,
And to others be a blessing. Keep us faithful to the end.*

- Edith Sinclair Downing, 20th century

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Austin Carty & Alex Lockridge

*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 continues)
... Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.*

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:

Stay with Us

by Walter Pelz

*Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to You this day be sung.
Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.
Walk with us, our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry.
Feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to Your side.
Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end.
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.
Talk with us till we behold a joyful life You will unfold.
Heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus take us to the light.
Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun.
Cheer the heart, Your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.*

- Herbert Brokering, 20th century

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Austin Carty

+Hymn 203

Day of Arising

BUNESSAN

+Offertory Prayer

Gary Akins

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.

Piano Offertory

There's Power in the Blood

setting by Ralph Manuel

+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,

The Community Departs for Ministry

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

*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

Christ has sat among us and walks with us;

Be assured that God's presence now goes with you.

Let your hearts burn within you as you dare to trust;

Embrace God's promises as you believe and care.

Live in gratitude each and every day, and

Love one another earnestly from the heart. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Two American Folk Hymns

setting by Ralph Hastings

BEACH SPRING and NEW BRITAIN

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of
all who help prepare our Wednesday night meals.*