

# First Baptist Church at Worship

## The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Organ Voluntary

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

setting by Karl Osterland

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

- Donald Fishel

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

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*The peace of God is with us.*

***Christ Jesus stands among us.***

*By the power of the Holy Spirit*

***we have seen the Lord.***

Hymn

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

***Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;***

***Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:***

***Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,***

***And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.***

***Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,***

***And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;***

***His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,***

***Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.***

***Crown him the Lord of peace, who power a scepter sways***

***From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:***

***His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet***

***Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.***

***Crown him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side,***

***Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:***

***All hail Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me!***

***Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.***

- Matthew Bridges

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Paul Sims

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

setting by Hal H. Hopson



God of love and mer - cy, bring peace to all — Your peo - ple.

*How good when all the earth is one, and hearts embrace community;*

*When strife will cease to separate, and love binds all in unity. REFRAIN*

*As oil anointed Aaron's head, and dew adorns the mountainside,*

*So peace and blessing of the Lord within the faithful heart abide. REFRAIN*

- Michael Morgan

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

from John 20:19-31

Sermon

"Doubt and Is Belief"

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died,  
As he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.*

*Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;*

*Let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!*

*Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;*

*Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to his grave.*

*Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.*

*He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.*

*Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change*

*All whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.*

*Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:*

*Evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.*

- John L. Bell & Graham Maule

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Hymn

*In Christ We Live*

AZMON

*In Christ we live in common bonds of friendship, love, and trust.  
Together we can fully know the cause of Christ is just.*

*In Christ we live to serve the One who came to give us life,  
We hear the call, respond in faith, bring darkness into light.*

*In Christ we live to offer hope to all with doubts and fears.*

*In worship, service, prayer, and song we stand throughout the years.*

*In Christ we live and walk within the bounds of grace and peace.*

*We follow as our Lord commands; Christ's love will never cease.*

- Jane Martin & Donn Wisdom

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*As God sent Christ to us, so now Christ sends us to the world. Let us not be faithless. Let us not lock ourselves in an upper room. But let us go down into the streets and do as Christ asks, allowing his grace to overpower our doubts and his peace to overcome our fears. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Voluntary on WOODLANDS*

by Charles Callahan

*The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet from garden tomb through darkened city street,  
Unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear, and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side, breathes out his Spirit on them to abide  
Whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe; new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.  
May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand with the oppressed in this and every land,  
Till all are blessed and can a blessing be, restored in Christ to true humanity.*

- Nigel Weaver

Carolyn Garr, cantor

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary  
are placed in memory of  
Vernon and Laverna Asbridge*

*by*

*Phyllis Hopper*

*Portia and Tony Asbridge*

*and*

*in memory of my cousin,*

*Jana Strickland Perkins*

*by*

*Peggy Hodges*

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