

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Organ Voluntary

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

setting by Lani Smith

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,

he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,

bursting in with new life and new hope.

Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

DUKE STREET

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this assurance gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;

He lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;

He lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend; he lives and loves me to the end;

He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

He lives, all glory to his name! he lives, my Savior, still the same;

What comfort this assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

- Samuel Medley

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

Hymn

To God Be the Glory

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*To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.*

- Fanny J. Crosby

A Reading from the Epistles

Alex Lockridge

I John 3:1-7

Hymn

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*Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.*

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A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Luke 24:36-48

Sermon

“Seeing Is Believing?”

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now and touching every place and time.
Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

- Brian Wren

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

He Lives

ACKLEY

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near. REFRAIN
In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing will come at last. REFRAIN
Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind. REFRAIN*

REFRAIN: *He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

- Alfred Ackley

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

We are witnesses to the redeeming activity of Christ in our midst. Through our living, let us proclaim the depth of our commitment and let us extend our witness beyond this community to the ends of the earth. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

setting by Alice Jordan

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory Thou o'er death hath won.*

- Edmond Louis Budry

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