

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Organ Voluntary

Brother James' Air

setting by Dale Wood

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,
who lays down his life for his sheep.*

*We gather to worship Jesus Christ,
who calls us to lay down our lives for others.*

Hymn

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

HYFRYDOL

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me:

How he left his home in glory for the cross of Calvary.

I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,

Threw his loving arms around me, drew me back into his way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me; faint was I from many-a fall;

Sight was gone, and fears possessed me, but he freed me from them all.

Days of darkness still come o'er me, sorrow's paths I often tread,

But the Savior still is with me; by his hand I'm safely led.

- Francis H. Rowley

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

Psalm 23

Alex Lockridge

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
 In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
 Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
 Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
 Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;*

- Dorothy A. Thrupp

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

John 10:11-18

Sermon

“Many Sheep, One Flock”

Alex Lockridge

Response

setting by John Bell & Graham Maule

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu -
 jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!_____

O God, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life.

Let Your words be our prayer and the song we sing: hallelujah, hallelujah. REFRAIN

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them, they follow me.

I will lead them to rest by the peaceful streams: hallelujah, hallelujah. REFRAIN

Now Christ is raised up from death. He will never die again.

All who follow his way shall have life in him: hallelujah, hallelujah. REFRAIN

- Caribbean folk song

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

Praise Him! Praise Him!

JOYFUL SONG

*Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him! Hail him! highest archangels in glory,
Strength and honor give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children;
In his arms he carries them all day long:
Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness!
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song!
Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown him! crown him! prophet and priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious,
Power and glory unto the Lord belong:
Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness!
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song!*

- Fanny J. Crosby

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*May the God of peace, who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do God's will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever. Alleluia! Amen.*

- from Hebrews 13

Organ Postlude

Celebration

by Charles Callahan

Carolyn Garr, cantor
Edward Garr and Elizabeth Reese, percussion

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

MARIE LEAKE

in commemoration of her April 29th birthday

by

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today – immediately following Worship
Vacation Bible School Volunteer Luncheon
in the Fellowship Hall

Family Fun Day at Dollywood

Saturday, May 22

watch for more information

Children’s Church to resume soon

Nick Hibbard will be leading Children’s Church, but will need one adult volunteer each Sunday. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office at 606.528.4738.