

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

Prelude 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.

- Nigel Weaver

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:

We have seen the Lord!

With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare:

We have seen the Lord!

Behold! The risen Lord is with us!

Let us worship God!

+Hymn 306

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

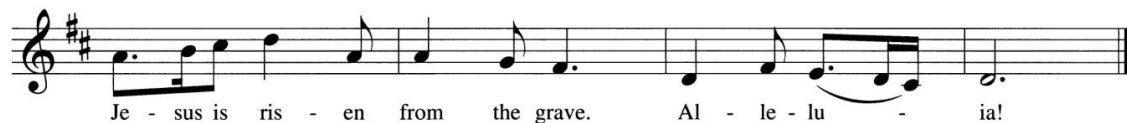
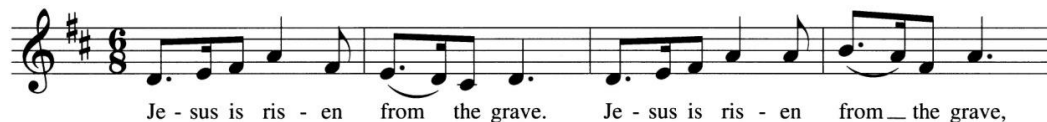
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+Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

+Response

CHILDER



Jesus was seen by Mary, ... Alleluia!

Peter will soon be smiling, ... Alleluia!

Thomas will stop his doubting, ... Alleluia!

Jesus will meet his people, ... Alleluia!

- John Bell

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Alex Lockridge

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

setting by Hal H. Hopson



*I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me,
I keep the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

***Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.***

*For You do not give me up to Sheol,
or let Your faithful one see the Pit.*

You show me the path of life.

In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. REFRAIN

The Easter Gospel

Jeremiah Banks, Alex Lockridge, and Paul Sims

John 20:19-31

+Hymn

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

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***These things did Thomas count as real: the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.***

***The vision of his skeptic mind was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act too large for his small world of fact.***

***His reasoned certainties denied that one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like Braille the markings of the spear and nail.***

***May we, O God, by grace believe and thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw imprinted hands reached out and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.***

- Thomas Troeger

Sermon

“Stubborn Disbelief”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 223

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in April will support the work of CBF Field Personnel Scarlette Jasper, who works in Southeastern Kentucky through Olive Branch Ministries, Together for Hope, and The White Flag Ministry.

Offertory Anthem

Because He Lives

setting by Jack Schrader

The Sanctuary Choir

*God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know, I know he holds the future, my life is worth the living just because he lives.
How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.
Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know, I know he holds the future, my life is worth the living just because he lives.*

- Gloria Gaither and William Gaither

Remembering Our Past

Paul Sims

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.*

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Sending

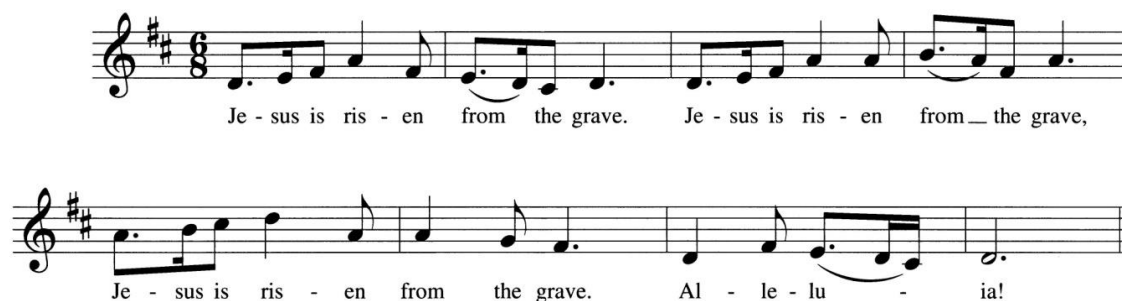
+The Peace

Jeremiah Banks

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

+Sending Song

CHILDER



Je - sus is ris - en from the grave. Je - sus is ris - en from the grave,
Je - sus is ris - en from the grave. Al - le - lu - ia!

Jesus will live forever, ... Alleluia!

- John Bell

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*As you go, remember that the peace of Christ is with you,
the power of the Holy Spirit will uphold you,
and the love of God will keep you – this day and every day. 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 the 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 hast won.*

- Edmond Louis Budry

+all who are able may stand

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
our mothers*

Grace Cadle and Mary Esther Hacker

by

Ann and Bill Hacker

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III