

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

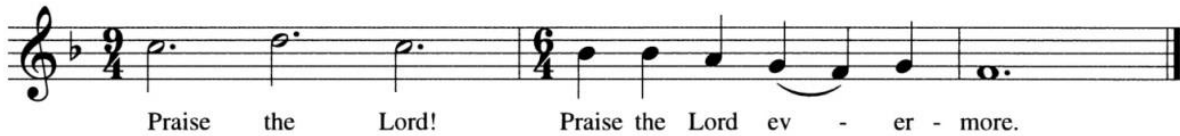
Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Prelude

Psalm 89

arr. by Hal Hopson



*My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;
Your faithful ways will I proclaim, and every age shall know Your name.
Come, every voice, sing out your song: **REFRAIN**
Almighty God, Your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone;
And shining bright before Your face are truth and love and boundless grace.
Come, every voice, sing out your song: **REFRAIN***

Call to Worship

Jeremiah Banks

*On the cross, Jesus suffered and died.
We are witnesses: Lord, have mercy.
But now Jesus is risen from the dead.
We are witnesses: He is risen indeed!
Let us worship God.*

+Hymn 210

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

DUKE STREET

+Prayer of the Day

Carolyn Garr

*Holy One, you have made us witnesses to the good news of the Gospel—that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone, is risen from the dead. Open our minds to understand these things, and let your word be fulfilled in us so that we may share the bread of life with a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, our peace. **Amen.***

+The Peace

Jeremiah Banks

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

+Response

BEACH SPRING

*Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness, each your sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.
Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.
Worship Him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.
For His grace give Him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story till the world His name has heard.*

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

-Luke 24:36-48

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 205

Christ is Alive

TRURO

stanzas 1-4

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Nick Hibbard

Acts 3:12-21

Responding

+Hymn

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gath-ered to - day.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.

*Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. **REFRAIN***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

*Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. **REFRAIN***

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

*Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. **REFRAIN***

+Offertory Prayer

Katherine Whitaker

Loose change received in April will go to the FBC Benevolence Fund to provide utility bill assistance.

Offertory Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. by R. Mauldin

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 for Easter

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sending

+Hymn 349
stanza 1

To God Be the Glory

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+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*As Resurrection people, go out then, as witnesses of the risen Christ.
And may God raise you from death to life,
May Christ Jesus cast out your fear and doubt;
And may the Holy Spirit give your heart joy. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads

setting by J.W. Burson

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Ed Garr
handbells

Donna Davis
Organist

Nick Hibbard
handbells

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Dr. Katherine Whitaker
prayer

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Clara Faye Hawkins
by
Carson, Quincy, Whitely, & Lincoln Calico
Cari & Jefferson Calico*

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.