

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

Jeremiah Banks

Prelude

Halle, Halle, Halle

arr. by H. Hopson

Call to Worship

Carolyn Garr

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

Surely goodness and mercy are with us.

And we will live in God's house forever.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 197

We Welcome Glad Easter

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+Prayer of the Day

Alex Lockridge

*Loving God, we are the sheep of your hand, the people of your pasture. You know us; we are yours. You call us; we listen for your voice. Protect us from false leaders and hired hands who would seek to snatch us from safety. Keep us in the security of your fold and unite us with your people in all the earth. By your Spirit, make us one flock, one people; through Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. **Amen.***

+The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Act of Praise

AZMON

To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever given

By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Gospels

Delilah & Gracie Blevins

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

-John 10:11-18

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 405

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Baron Butler

Acts 4:5-12

Sermon

“What Voice Do You Hear?”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 577

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

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

Elizabeth Reese

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

Offertory Anthem

The Majesty, the Glory, the Holiness

arr. by M. Hamby

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

+Sending Song

HALLE, HALLE

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! 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

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go now with your trust in the good shepherd.
And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you
and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Halle, Halle, Halle

setting by H. Hopson

+all who are able may stand
leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Delilah Blevins
reader

Gracie Blevins
reader

Baron Butler
reader

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Nick Hibbard
percussion

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Elizabeth Reese
percussion

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Alpha Mae Stansberry
and daughters,
Rose Ann Lankford & Jackie Shadowen
by
Bob & Vickie Owens and John & Kathy Stansberry

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

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