First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting Jeremiah Banks

Prelude Worthy of Worship arr. by C.D. Bozard

Call to Worship Carolyn Garr

The peace of God is with us.

Christ Jesus stands among us.

By the power of the Holy Spirit

We have seen the risen Lord.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 194

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

+Prayer of the Day

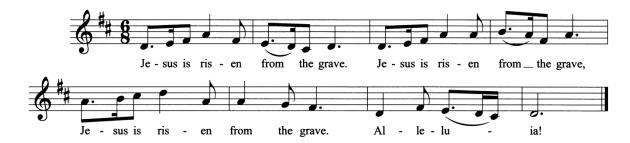
Alex Lockridge

Living God, in Jesus Christ, who stands among us, we have seen the marks of your saving love. Breathe on us with power of your Spirit and sends us out to share the peace of Christ so that all the world may believe in him and receive the gift of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. Amen.

+Response

Jesus Is Risen from the Grave

CHILDER



Jesus was seen by Mary, ... Alleluia!

Jesus will meet his people, ... Alleluia!

Thomas will stop his doubting, ... Alleluia!

Jesus will live forever, ... Alleluia!

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Jeremiah Banks

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

-Acts 4:32-35

A Moment for Children

Ieremiah Banks

+Hymn 209

The Head That Once Was Crowned

AZMON

A Reading from the Gospels

Jeff Tipton

John 20:19-31

Sermon

"Show Your Testimony"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 457

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed

REGENT SQUARE

stanzas 1 & 4

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Alex Lockridge

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

(the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

All the Way My Savior Leads Me Jesus Paid It All

arr. by J.P. David

arr. by E. Hynes

+The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn of Response *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

WELCOME TABLE

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.

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table; I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia...
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia...
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia...
Here all the world will find a welcome; here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia...

Offertory Prayer

Lisa Harrison

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

Offertory Anthem

Be Not Afraid

arr. by C. Courtney

Brandon Wood, soloist

+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

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.

Testify to the resurrection of Christ, forgive the sins of all, and live at peace with one another.

And may God bless you with life forever;
May Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit and peace into you;
And may the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light of God. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

setting by J. Hatton

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

> Donna Davis Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura Accompanist

Carolyn Garr Interim Music Director

> Lisa Harrison Deacon

Rev. Alex Lockridge Senior Pastor

> Jeff Tipton Deacon

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Vernon and Laverna Asbridge

by
Phyllis Hopper and Tony & Portia Asbridge

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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