

# 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

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 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

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 209

*The Head That Once Was Crowned*

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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*

arr. by J.P. David

*Jesus Paid It All*

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*  
Brandon Wood, soloist

arr. by C. Courtney

+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

+all who are able may stand

*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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