

First Baptist Church at Worship

EASTER SUNDAY

We Proclaim

March 31, 2024

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

We Gather

Choir Prelude

O Risen Lord

setting by K. Lee Scott

the Christ Candle is returned to the chancel as a symbol of the dawning of resurrection

Acclamation

Alex Lockridge

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

+Hymn 198

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

+Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Jeremiah Banks

*We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again, for news of your victory over the powers of death and evil is news so startling, so amazing, so different from the news that bombards us day by day. Beyond our comprehension, you startle us again and again with resurrection Life, bringing grace and hope and joy. You, in your risen power, are shaping all our days, and so we praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Easter Alleluia

by Fintan O'Carroll

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A Reading from the Gospels

Sandi Curd

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

-Mark 16:1-8

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 214

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Carolyn Garr

Isaiah 25:6-9

Sermon

“We Proclaim Resurrection”

Alex Lockridge

We Respond

+Hymn 622

He Lives

ACKLEY

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

J. Bill Sosh

Loose change received in March will go to the Southeast Kentucky Ministerial Alliance.

Offertory Anthem

Were You There?

arr. by Robert Sterling

Ed Garr, soloist

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.*

We Go Out

+Sending Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

HYMN TO JOY

*Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled –
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.
Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!*

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks & Alex Lockridge

*Go in peace to proclaim the resurrection of our Lord.
Alleluia!
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Organ Postlude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

setting by Joyce Jones

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Dr. Sandi Curd
Deacon

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Kinley Lockridge
acolyte

J. Bill Sosh
Deacon

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of my parents

C. S. and Maxine Rapier

by

Chuck Rapier

The Easter Cross of flowers is placed

in honor of Pat Huff and in memory of Dave Huff

by their grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Alex, Mark, Annalee Rose, and Emme Anne Kuyper

Clay, Elizabeth, Adeline Elizabeth, and John Clayton Elliott

Nick, Cynthia, Tripp, and Laykin Huff

Meredith, Marcus, Eloise, and Margot Niemann

Mike, Jessica, and Cooper Rex Huff

and Haley Huff

and

in loving memory of

Velmer Hopper, Kenny Hopper, and Henry and Violet Hopper

by Karen and Jerry Vanover

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*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III