

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gather in God's Name

Organ Voluntary

Prelude on LASST UNS ERFREUEN

by John Wyatt Burson

Greeting and Call to Worship

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.

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*Because we love our Lord Jesus Christ,
we will feed his lambs.*

*Because we love our Lord Jesus Christ,
we will tend his sheep.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+Hymn 198

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

+Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

Generous God, in Jesus You have shown us love – love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us – even command us – to show that love in our lives. Yet we continue to turn away from what You would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive Your welcoming love so that we can love others. Help us to receive Your welcoming love so that we can love ourselves.

+Easter Alleluia

by Finton O'Carroll



Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Alex Lockridge

Acts 9:1-13, 17-20

+Psalm 30

*NETTLETON

Sing to God, that all may hear you! God, whose arms can lift and save;

By Thy healing touch, revive us, life restore beyond the grave.

Praise we now our sure salvation, God, the Holy One above,

End the night so dimmed by anguish, with the sunrise of Thy love.

God, whose wrath we more than merit; God, whose grace we cannot earn;

When the pride of human nature from Thy ways tempts us to turn;

Then we cry to Thee for mercy, "Can the tomb repeat Thy praise?"

Through Thy goodness, yet redeem us, make us faithful all our days.

Change our sorrow to rejoicing, clothe with gladness all despair;

Cause unsteady feet that stumble now to dance beneath Thy care.

Dry the tears we shed in mourning, give us steadfast hope always;

Fill our hearts with expectation, and our songs with thanks and praise.

- Michael Morgan

+The Easter Gospel: John 21:1-19

Paul Sims

John 21:1-19

Sermon

"Seeing the Point – The Expansive Table"

Alex Lockridge

Give Thanks to God

+Spiritual

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics: "1. I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon-na". The second staff continues the melody: "eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia. I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come". The third staff concludes the phrase: "ta - ble; I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia." The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests.

2. *I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus....* 3. *I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers....*

4. *Here all the world will find a welcome....*

The Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

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 our thanks and praise.

(the Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

*Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.*

music during communion:

*Rubrics: IV. The peace may be exchanged**

by Dan Locklair

Let Us Be Bread

LET US BE BREAD

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the
world. Let us be wine, love free - ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

- Thomas Porter

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 601

O How I Love Jesus

*O HOW I LOVE JESUS

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Offertory Anthem

Feed My Lambs

setting by Matthew Wolka

The Sanctuary Choir

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

At the daybreak Christ is waiting, Risen Healer, Constant Friend,

By a fire preparing breakfast, humble meal of fish and bread.

And he beckons his disciples from a weary night at sea,

In the crescent light he questions, "Do you love me more than these?"

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

Through the years the church has gathered 'round the Christ, Eternal Flame,

Known in water, word, and banquet, serving all he calls by name.

Here the yearning, here the witness, here the provender of grace,

Love that finds, forgives, and fills us, sends us singing from this place:

*Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.
Now the Church, a living welcome, moves as Christ within the world,
Both its faith and sin confessing, life is mended, healed, restored:
Seeing Christ in every stranger, sharing freely all that's giv'n,
Bearing hope through joy and justice, bread of earth and bread of heav'n.
Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.*

- Doris Erwin Collins

+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.*

Go in God's Name

Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*As you go from this place, seek the presence of the Risen Christ in everyone you meet.
And may God give you grace to follow the command of Jesus:
Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Intrada on Two Hymn Tunes
JUDAS MACCABEUS and SICILIAN MARINERS

by Alice Jordan

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
- Edmond Louis Budry

+all who are able may stand

Carolyn Garr, cantor
Elizabeth Reese, soloist

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*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III