

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

10:00AM & 11:30AM

The Gathering

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

As we gather for worship, before and during the Prelude, you are invited to place the flower(s) you have brought on the cross at the front of the sanctuary. Additional flowers are also available at the front for those wishing to participate. In this act of worship, a poignant symbol of new life coming forth from death emerges before our eyes as we declare that Christ has risen. Alleluia!

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist  
R. Alan Kimbrough, Pianist

When Morning Gilds the Sky ..... Joseph Barnby  
setting by Innes-Fasig

I Waited for the Lord ..... Felix Mendelssohn  
from "Hymn of Praise" setting by Karrin Ford

Prayer ..... Engelbert Humperdinck  
from the Opera "Hansel and Gretel"

Lord of the Dance ..... 19<sup>th</sup> Century Shaker Tune  
Adapted by Sydney Carter; setting by Joel Raney

*This arrangement of the 1963 song "Lord of the Dance" by Sydney Carter is a musical metaphor of the birth, death and resurrection of Christ. The opening is a celebration of beginnings...of Jesus' coming down from heaven to "dance on the earth." The second section turns minor and moody, reflecting the "Friday when the sky turned black" and the final section is a boastful restatement of the theme depicting the resurrection and the return of "life that will never, never die."*

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. David Coggins

\*OPENING HYMN

#194 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
EASTER HYMN

The original composition of *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* consisted of eleven verses of four lines, which were later reduced to six and early in the 19th century *Alleluia* was added to the end of each line. This results in *Alleluia* appearing twenty-four times in the hymn. It is not known why this was done, but it is speculated by hymn analysts that it was to ensure that the hymn fit the tune of *Easter Hymn*. The hymn led to a more popular awareness of *Alleluia* being used for Easter to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. No

matter what the version, let us lift our voices in song to celebrate being at First Baptist on this Holy Day. We praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The Celebration of Holy Baptism

~ 10AM Service Only ~

Rev. Jason Alspaugh and Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Madeline Rose Compton

Faith Partner ~ Melissa "Mo" Mikesell

Caelan Knettlar

Grandson of Bob Bartlett & Paige Bartlett

Listening for the Word of God

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Mark Craig

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**John 20:1-18:** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*(The Children's Message is a separate video available on our website.)*

CALL TO PRAYER

#208 *He Is Lord*  
HE IS LORD

**He is Lord! He is Lord!**  
**He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!**  
**Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess**  
**that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

EASTER RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Rev. David Coggins, Leader (10AM)  
Rev. Jason Alspaugh, Leader (11:30)

Almighty God, Source of all Mercy, Father of the Risen Christ, the dawn of Easter brings new light to our day.

**Response:** We give thanks to the Lord.

Roll back the tomb of our hearts and let love pour in, and love pour out.

**Response:** We pray to the Lord.

We praise you for the triumph over sin and death.

**Response:** We give thanks to the Lord.

We confess our sins and our forgetfulness; help us to remember what it is to be your child in a victorious life.

**Response:** We pray to the Lord.

Your victory is our victory over every challenge that life presents.

**Response:** We give thanks to the Lord.

For the transformation of broken hearts and broken bodies.

**Response:** We pray to the Lord.

Your presence comforted Mary at the tomb in the midst of her grief.

**Response:** We give thanks to the Lord.

For the comfort of those have been left behind, wipe away their tears.

**Response:** We pray to the Lord.

The truth of your Word guides us on our journey.

**Response:** We give thanks to the Lord.

Lead us out of the darkness of our own uncertainty.

**Response:** We pray to the Lord.

Strengthen our resolve to live the victorious Easter life, through the power of the risen Christ.

**Response:** Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with us, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

First Baptist Male Ensemble

Justen Seay, Brad Kallenberg, Parris Hobbs, Michael Cage,  
David Coggins, Kent Berghuis, Mark Craig

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ..... arr. Mack Wilberg

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation! Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration. Praise to the Lord! O'er all things He gloriously reigneth. Borne as on eagle wings, safely His saints He sustaineth. Hast though not seen how all thou needest hath been*

granted in what He ordaineth? Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy way  
and defend thee. Surely His goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.  
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do, Who with His love doth befriend  
thee. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath breath, join with Abraham's seed to adore Him! Let the  
"amen" sum all our praises again, now as we worship before Him.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*"Hope Rises in the Dark"*

Holy Communion

Rev. Jason Alspaugh (10AM) and Rev. David Coggins (11:30)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

#459 v.1-2 *Come, Share the Lord* (DIVERNON)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

Responding to God

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#207 *Low In the Grave He Lay*  
Lowry

Robert Lowry, the Philadelphia-born author and composer of this hymn, was a popular Baptist preacher and educator who served churches in Pennsylvania, New York City and Plainfield, N.J. *Low in the Grave He Lay*, called *Christ Arose* in many hymnals was composed in 1874 while Lowry was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lewisburg, PA. It first appeared in the collection *Brightest and Best* under the title *He is not here, but risen—Luke 24:5*. When it was included in music evangelist Ira D. Sankey's *Sacred Songs and Solos*, the song became very popular in the Moody-Sankey revivals. From that point it appeared in a number of 19th-century British and American hymnals.

\*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

\*BENEDICTION

Congregation of First Baptist

Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*  
George Frederick Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is  
become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. And He shall reign  
forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land & R. Alan Kimbrough

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today ..... "Lyra Davidica" 1708  
Setting by Ham-Varner



(\* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket  
as you leave. Thank you!



HAPPY

EASTER !



First Baptist Church of Dayton

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021



*"He Is Risen" by He Qi, 2001*

Easter Sunday is the principal feast of the liturgical year—the day Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. The resurrection of Christ has been a focal point of Christian confession since the early church; it has always been understood to be the central witness of God's radical action in human history.

**Our Mission Statement:**

To celebrate God's love as a community of believers  
in Jesus Christ through worship, education,  
fellowship, and outreach to others.

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