

The First Baptist Church at Worship Easter Sunday | April 12, 2020





THE PRELUDE Gregory Land

As It Began to Dawn Lani Smith

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. Dr. Kent Berghuis

OPENING HYMN (See pg. 6)

#194 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN

In every worship service, the words we say and the actions we participate in are somehow shaping us. Perhaps without even being aware of it, worship is doing something to us — it's forming habits and language inside of us to both teach us why we are in relationship with God, and how to be in relationship with God. One practice that many liturgists and hymn authors have brought into worship is describing an event that happened in the past (usually a moment from the Gospel story) as if it were happening today, in order to instill in us the understanding that, just as God worked in the lives of people two thousand years ago, God is still working today. The hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" is a perfect example of this. Right in the title is an indicator of the present tense: the word "is." As we sing this song, we are first brought back two millennia as "witnesses" of the resurrection, and then we are also made aware that though the actual event of the resurrection happened once, it is in a sense an on-going event with ever-present effects. We are called today to live out of the resurrection, to follow our risen Lord in newness of life, and to ever lift our "alleluias" in praise. Today, this hymn reminds us that Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior is very much alive and that God is still on the throne.

Listening for the Word of God

GOSPEL LESSON Tia Toles-Seay

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 (See pg. 5)

#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

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 Ray Landis

Jesus, Prince and Savior Timothy Dudley-Smith; music by David Schwoebel

Jesus, Prince and Savior, Lord of life who died, Christ, the friend of sinners, mocked and crucified; For a world's salvation He His body gave, lay at last death's victim lifeless in the grave.

Lord of life triumphant, risen now to reign! King of endless ages, Jesus lives again!

In His power and God-head every victory won, pain and passion ended, all His purpose done:

Christ the Lord is risen! Sighs and sorrows past, death's dark night is over, morning comes at last!

Lord of life triumphant, risen now to reign! King of endless ages, Jesus lives again!

Resurrection morning, sinners' bondage freed! Christ the Lord is risen, He is risen indeed!

Jesus, Prince and Savior, Lord of life who died, Christ the King of glory now is glorified!

Lord of life triumphant, risen now to reign! King of endless ages, Jesus lives again!

SPECIAL MUSIC Carol Suddath, cello
Gregory Land

O Worship the King William Gardner, arr. Phillip Keveren

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dr. Justen Seay and Ms. Tia Toles-Seay

I've Just Seen Jesus Danny Daniels; William & Gloria Gaither

We knew he was dead; It is finished, he said. We had watched as his life ebbed away.

Then we all stood around till the guards took him down. Joseph begged for his body that day.

It was late afternoon when we got to the tomb, wrapped his body and sealed up the grave.

So I know how you feel, His death was so real, but please listen and hear what I say.

I've just seen Jesus, I tell you he's alive, I've just seen Jesus, our precious Lord alive.

And I knew, he really saw me too, as if till now, I'd never lived.

All that I'd done before won't matter anymore, I've just seen Jesus and I'll never be the same again

It was his voice she first heard, those kind gentle words asking what was her reason for tears,

And I sobbed in despair, My Lord is not there, He said, child! It is I, I am here!

I've just seen Jesus, I tell you he's alive, I've just seen Jesus, our precious Lord alive.

And I knew, he really saw me too, as if till now, I'd never lived.

All that I'd done before won't matter anymore, I've just seen Jesus, I've just seen Jesus!

And I'll never be the same again, I've just seen Jesus!

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Linens in the Tomb"

Responding to God

HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 7)

#200 (VS 1&2) *In the Garden* GARDEN

One occasionally hears stories of someone who disappeared and was assumed dead suddenly reappearing to their family and loved ones in a joyful surprise. Imagine how much greater Mary Magdalene's shock and elation was when Jesus, whom she had seen dead and buried three days earlier suddenly called her by name and she turned and saw Him, very much alive and in person. This hymn elaborates on the emotions she may have felt in that moment, when her grief was turned to joy.

BENEDICTION William Henry Caldwell

POSTLUDE Gregory Land

Toccata from Fifth Organ Symphony Charles Marie Widor



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Baptist Church of Dayton continues its suspension of worship services and group gatherings until further notice. We will be providing pre-recorded and live experiences through our website, Facebook and Zoom as we are able. As we observe Holy Week and Easter physically separate from one another, let us remember that Christ has brought us together in the Spirit. When the time is right we will regather for worship together again, and that will certainly be a day to celebrate! Please continue to reach out to one another by phone, social media, and especially through prayer and service in whatever ways you can. May the grace of our crucified and risen Lord be with you all. --Pastor Kent

Photos of First Baptist at Home

As we continue to practice physical distancing for the common good, we are looking for ways to stay connected. And since there isn't much going on gathering-wise these days, there is some extra space in our monthly Courier newsletter. So I thought it might be a nice idea to have you send in a picture of you/your family/friends, something that shows how you are doing/how you are spending your time. And Linda Blair will put them in the coming issue(s) of the Courier. This will especially be a good way to share with our folks who are not online/on social media. You can submit your photo to Linda Blair at lindablair@fbcdayton.org. Thanks! --Pastor Jason

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Sharon Appelt	Ken Gordon	Susan Reichard
Kenneth Barger	Bev Harrell	Judy See
Rebecca Bauer	Linda Haskin	Judy Smith
Jay Berghuis	Barbara Jett	Helen Sutton
Marlen Berghuis	Judy Kelly	Emily Taylor
Jessica Blair	Lenore Kimbrough	Torrey Thrash
Don Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Ginger Tiffner
Jessica Brown	Vincent Liss	Veghte Family
Robert Brown	Reagan Lloyd	Sara Vice
Lynn Chadbourne	Tim Meador	Whitson Family
Tami Malone Charles	Arthur Merkle	Peggie Worthey
Andy Collier	Melissa Mikesell	Healthcare Workers
Marilyn Craig	Lois Miles	Police & Fire Fighters
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Military Duty:
Florida Dixon	Rose Peacock	Sebastian Ewald
Jim Earnest	Ron Petry	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Lavanda Ferguson	Ron Pipenger	Andy Wilson

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CALL TO PRAYER



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Irregular

OPENING HYMN



HYMN OF RESPONSE

