



First Baptist Church

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

10:45am

Centering Words

Easter teaches us that life never ends,
And love never dies.

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful

arr. Dobrinski

Handbells: Julia Bass, Thomas Bass, Catherine Davenport,
Amanda Eldridge, Susan Garber, Kaylin Hartsock,
Steven Lloyd, Merci Rowlett, Kristi Sanford, Addison Snyder
Director: Angie France

Welcome/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Call to Worship

Rachel Bass, Thomas Bass, Bethany Hackney

Easter begins in despair. Our life, our love, our hope
forever dead, crushed by boulder, bottled up in a cave.

Who will roll away the stone?

Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning. The obstacles we
expect to face are removed. Where once death and
despair lay locked in time, now the bright light of hope sprouts
wings to fly from emptiness. It is, at first, too good to be true.

Where have you laid Him?

When faced with a miracle, our first reflex is to run.

Be not afraid. You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here: see the place where they laid Him. But go your way. Tell His disciples and Peter that He goes before you into Galilee. There you shall see Him.

Suddenly the realization dawns. It may rise as quietly as the sun creeping over the horizon, or it may explode like fireworks painting the world with dazzle. We recognize the One who was dead as He comes to life in us.

Christ is risen, risen indeed! Alleluia!

And all who encounter the Risen One whether gently roused by the sunrise, or surprised by the sudden burst of joy, will join the Resurrection Procession one by one, slipping into step, some of us singing, some of us silently soaking it all in, and all of us feeling like dancing.

Alleluia! Christ is risen, risen indeed!**

Anthem of Celebration

Risen Indeed!

Pote

Worship Ensemble

Christ is risen,
Christ is risen,
alleluia!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen.
Lift up your voices sing alleluia,
alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed,
He is risen from the dead.
He is alive, He is alive,
alleluia!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen.
Lift up your voices, sing alleluia,
alleluia!

He died for us, our sinful souls to save.
Now He is risen, risen from the grave.

The tomb stands empty,
the stone was rolled away.
Darkness has vanished,
the night has turned to day.

Jesus will meet us
when our death is near.
He gives us hope eternal.
We need not fear!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen.
Lift up your voices, sing alleluia!
Christ is risen, is risen, risen indeed.

Christ is risen,
Christ is risen.
Alleluia!

***Hymn of Eastertide 194**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Kaylin Hartsock, trombone

Offertory Prayer

Ricke Hester

Offertory

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today with He Is Lord

arr. Parks

Response of Thanksgiving (307 tune)

LASST UNS ERFRUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Kristi Sanford

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to Him, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

Major Treadway

Hymn of the Risen Christ (83 tune)

When It Seemed That Love Was Dying

HYFRYDOL

When it seemed that Love was dying, hope and joy forever gone,
friends of Jesus, fearful, wondered who would help them carry on.
Joseph came to claim the body, Nicodemus, too, was there,
bravely showing their allegiance, handling Him with tender care.

In a borrowed tomb they laid Him, breathless, broken, and alone;
then, before they left the garden, sealed the doorway with a stone.
Women, watching, stood by weeping,
lost in sorrow, deep in gloom,
never dreaming God would bring forth life anew
from barren womb.

Sunday, when the tomb was empty, Mary cried in great dismay, till she heard these words of greeting: "Jesus Christ is risen today. Fear not! Go and tell the others: There's no need to weep or cry. Earth is filled with alleluias! Hope and love will never die!"

Mary and the others found their friends who hid in fear and grief. "Wipe your tears and gather courage! Hear this news beyond belief: We have seen Him! Christ is living! God has rolled away the stone! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God! We are not alone!"

When it seemed that Love was dying,
Love showed it could rise again,
filling empty hearts with courage, hope, and joy, a glad "Amen!"
Let us, too, be alleluias, serving you, Lord, to the end.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Live in us now, Risen Friend!***

Musical Offering

Springtime

Renzema

Brendan Dunn, vocal and acoustic guitar,
Cary Bible, bass, Ian Miller, cajon,
Melanie Simpson, piano

You're the resurrection that we've waited for;
You buried the night and came with the morning.
You're the King of Heaven; the praise is Yours.
The longer the quiet, the louder the chorus.
We will sing a new song,
'cause death is dead and gone with the winter.
We will sing a new song; let hallelujahs flow like a river.
We're coming back to life, reaching towards the light.
Your love is like springtime.

You're the living water; God, we thirst for You.
The dry and the barren will flower and bloom.
You're the sun that's shining; You restore my soul.
The deeper You call us, oh, the deeper we'll go.
Come tend the soil; come tend the soil of my soul,
and like a garden, and like a garden I will grow.

I will grow. (Repeat)
I will grow. I will grow!

Sermon

Becoming Resurrection People

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

arr. Pulkingham

***Hymn of Declaration of Faith 208**

He Is Lord

HE IS LORD

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

*Please stand if you are able to do so.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, April 5-Easter Sunday

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, April 6—Church Office Closed

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, April 7

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, April 8

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm WNS (Spaghetti)/Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 103

6:00pm Revision of By-Laws Question and Answer/
Choir Suite

6:45pm Ensemble Rehearsal/Choir Suite

Thursday, April 9

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, April 10- Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:	Readings for Next Sunday:
Jeremiah 31:1-6	Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalms 118:1-2	Psalms 16
Colossians 3:1-4	1 Peter 1:3-9
Matthew 28:1-10	John 20:19-31

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