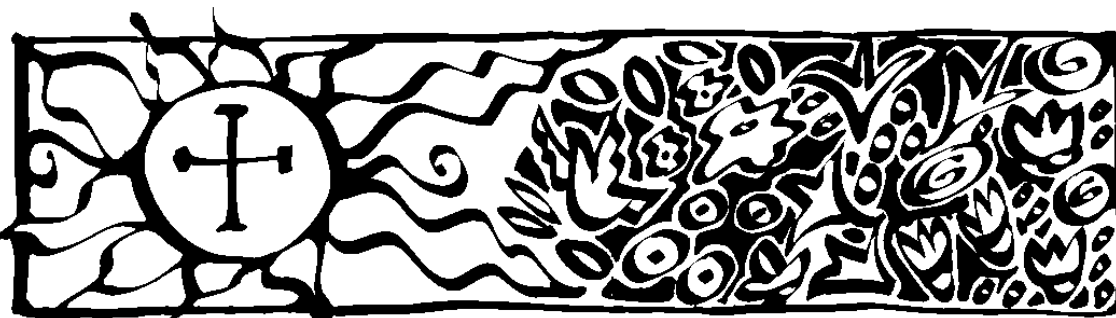


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 4, 2025 3:00 p.m.

Third
Sunday of
Easter



PRELUDE

Suite in C Major

J. Krebs

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Christ Is Arisen

arr. C. Dyck

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#205 The Day of Resurrection

ELLACOMBE

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth her song be - gin;

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God!
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Text: John of Damascus (696?-754?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866).
 Music: Melody *Gesangbuch*, Württemberg, 1784.

***INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God,
You have offered us your steadfast love
and we have turned away from it.
We long after perceived desires to fill the empty ache within us.
You would gather us under your wings of care
and instead, we run away,
chasing illusions that lure us further from you.

Forgive us God,
we are sorry for our simple distractions that keep us from you.
May we revel in your love and care,
as an infant nestles into its parents' arms of nurture.
Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST READING

Psalm 33:8-33

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

ANTHEM

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. J. Rutter

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Like a River Glorious

WYE VALLEY

1 Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver all vic -
2 Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er foe can
3 Ev - ery joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up - on our

to - rious in its bright in - crease: per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er
fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of wor - ry, not a
di - al by the Sun of Love; we may trust him ful - ly all for

ev - ery day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.
shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry touch the spir - it there.
us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

Chords: F, C/E, F, F7/A, Bb, C, F, C/E, F, F/A, C/G, Dm/G, G7, C, F, C7/G, F/A, Bb, F/A, Gm7, C7/G, F, C, F, C#dim7, Dm, G7/B, F/C, Gm/C, C7, F

Refrain

Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)
MUSIC: James Mountain (1844-1933)

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 32:33-42

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Cheryl Krueger

(Silence for personal reflection)

*HYMN OF APPROACH

#60 I Come With Joy

LAND OF REST

Chords: F, C, Dm, C7

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 The spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un -
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, by

Chords: F, C, F, C, 7, F, Dm, C, F

giv - en, loved, and free, the life of Je - sus
 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us
 seen, but ev - er near, is in such friend - ship
 all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to

Chords: Bb, F, C7, F, Gm7, C7, F

to re - call, in love laid down for me.
 ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 makes us one, and strang - ers now are friends.
 bet - ter known, a - live a - mong us here.
 give the world the love that makes us one.

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Now the Green Blade Rises

M. Sedio

***New Doxology**

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#237 Now the Green Blade Rises

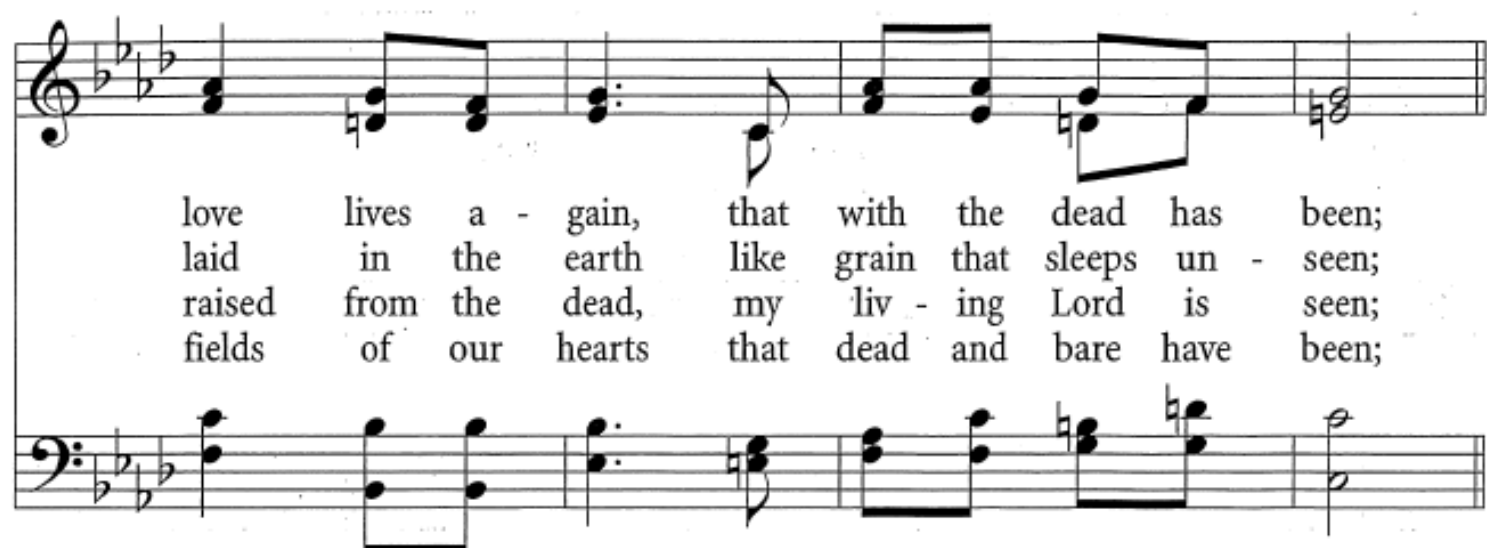
NOËL NOUVELET



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth ma - ny days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



Text: John M. C. Crum (1872–1958), alt.
 Music: Melody French (15th cent.); harm. Martin Shaw (1875–1958).
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***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world – begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN
(Christ Has Arisen!)

K. Uppercue

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Leading Worship - Jo-Ann Badley;

Scripture Reading - Caitlin Hart, Mackenzie Blyth;

Communion Preparation - Jon Maier, Twyla Fletcher.

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FBC Ministry Staff:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Minister of Youth, Young Adults, Outreach

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council