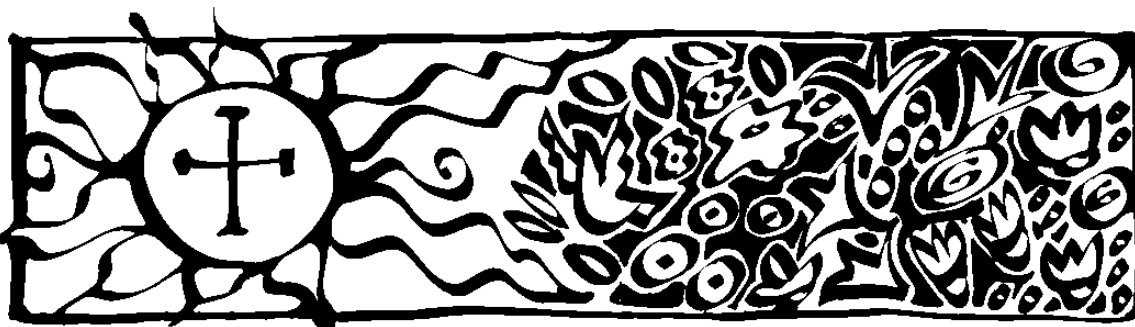


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 11, 2025 3:00 p.m.

Fourth
Sunday of
Easter



PRELUDE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

A. Travis

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Jubilate Deo

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CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

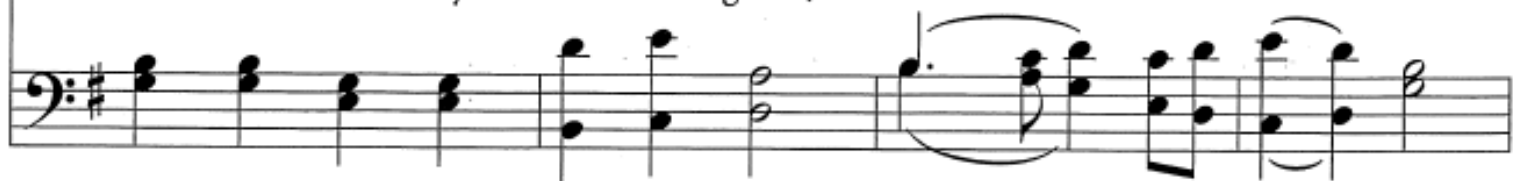
#206 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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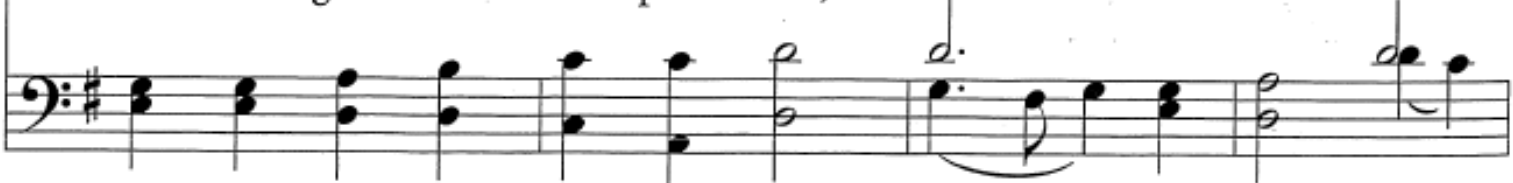
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
5 Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven,



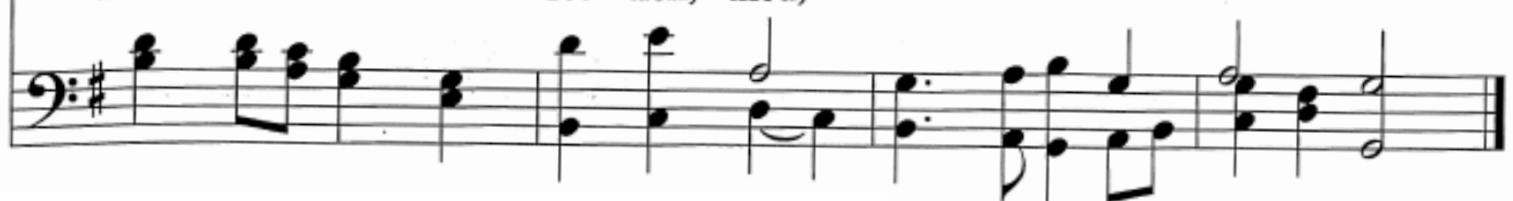
earth and heaven in cho - rus say,
fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Where, O death, is now thy sting? al - le - lu - ia!
fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed head,
Praise to thee by both be given,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high;
Death in vain for - bids him rise,
Once he died our souls to save, al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise,
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,



sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply:
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,
Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou,



***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

Creator,
we confess to using a litany of excuses;
excuses for not working with you
to establish your kingdom here on earth.
We were too busy, too weak, too distracted.
We didn't get the memo.
We really didn't think you meant it.
We weren't done praying for consensus.

Creator,
help us to see our excuses for what they are.
Give us strength and wisdom to move past them
towards your kingdom here on earth.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen! Alleuia!

L. Larson

FIRST READING

Psalms 23

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

*HYMN OF GENTLENESS

Come Away From Rush and Hurry

BEACH SPRING

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and gentle, with a range of one octave. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line and chords that support the melody. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line starting on a new musical phrase. The lyrics are: 1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's peace; 2 In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our soul. 3 Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens— life's con - fu - sions, fears and pain. from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease. From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's reign.

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Am7 Dm Am7 Dm $\frac{Am}{C}$ Bb2 Bb

Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de-mands and fren-zied pace;
 At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly fed.
 Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he a - lone will sat - is - fy.

$\frac{C7}{G}$ F Fmaj7 Bb $\frac{Bb}{C}$ $\frac{Gm7}{C}$ F

come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.
 With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.
 All our long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

WORDS: Marva J. Dawn (1948-)

MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

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LITANY

One: The kingdom of God is at hand.

Many: We move past our excuses towards your kingdom.

One: The kingdom of God is in you.

Many: We move past our excuses towards your kingdom.

One: Seek first the kingdom of God.

Many: We move past our excuses towards your kingdom.

One: The kingdom of God is at hand.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#519 The Lord's My Shepherd

CRIMOND

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want: he
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and
 3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
 will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
 sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for

lead - eth me - the qui - et wa - ters by.
 right - eous - ness, even for his own name's sake.
 and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, and my cup ov - er - flows.
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: Ps. 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650.

Music: Melody Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836–1887); harm. Thomas C. L. Pritchard (1885–1960).

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SECOND READING

John 10:22-30

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Rev. Susan Hunter

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Meditation on IN BABILONE

R. Haan

*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

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

IN BABILONE

1 Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I shall trust and have no fear.
2 Make God's deeds known to the peo-ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name.



For the Lord de-fends and shields me and his sav-ing help is near.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works God's might pro-claim.



So re-joice as you draw wa-ter from sal-va-tion's liv-ing spring;
Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with you has come to dwell,



in the day of your de-liv-'rance thank the Lord, his mer-cies sing.
in your ver-y midst, the great and Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.



WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-); para. Isaiah 12:1-6

MUSIC: Dutch melody, 18th c.

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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.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

In God Alone My Soul

IN GOD ALONE

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude

P. Lehenbauer

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Grant McIntyre;

Writing & Leading Prayers of the People - Becky Bonham;

Scripture Reading - Jack Barker, Matt Barker;

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Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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— FBC Council