

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

April 19, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Third  
Sunday of  
Easter



## PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 553  
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

J.S. Bach  
J. Leavitt

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### INTROIT

Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!

R. Arnatt, arr. C. Dyck

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love: Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once, up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Latin hymn, 14th c.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; vs. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
 MUSIC: Robert Williams (1781-1821)

## **\*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** (abridged from the Church of England, Worship texts and resources)

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe and slow of heart.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(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.

### **FIRST READING**

Luke 24:13-27

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

### **ANTHEM**

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

T. Keesecker

**LITANY** (based on Psalm 116)

One: The snares of death encompass us.

We suffer distress and anguish. Yet we proclaim:

**Many: Death does not have the last word. Christ is risen!**

One: We have been brought low, with tears and stumbling. Yet we proclaim:

**Many: Death does not have the last word. Christ is risen!**

One: We are afflicted and surrounded by lies. Yet we proclaim:

**Many: Death does not have the last word. Christ is risen!**

**All: The LORD is gracious and righteous. God is merciful.**

**We bear witness that Christ is risen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Open Our Eyes (sing 2x)

B. Cull/D. Allen

WORDS and MUSIC: Bob Cull (1949- ); arr. David Allen (1941- )

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1 O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus,  
 2 O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten,

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a repeat sign and contains two parts: '1 O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus,' and '2 O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten,'. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

to reach out and touch him, and say that we love  
 † o - pen our eyes,

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It includes a guitar chord chart above the vocal line: Bm, Bm/A, F#m7/A, D/A, Gmaj7, Em, A7sus, A7, F#m/A, A9, G/D. The vocal line continues with 'to reach out and touch him, and say that we love' and '† o - pen our eyes,'. The bass line continues with harmonic accompaniment.

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2  
Em A7 A  $\frac{Bm}{A}$  A7  $\frac{Em}{D}$  D

him. Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SECOND READING

Luke 24:28-35

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

## \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

They Set Out on Their Homeward Road

F. Kaan/N. Cocker

Words: Fred Kaan (1929-) Music: Norman Cocker (1889-1953)

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1. They set out on their home-ward road, the two. dis-ci-ples  
 2. A stran-ger joined them as they walked that he their com-pa-  
 3. He spoke of Mo-ses and his days, of E-gypt and the  
 4. In-vit-ed in and hon-oured most to take his place at  
 5. O Je-sus, come a-gain, we pray, and share with us the

lost and sad, re - liv - ing still the ep - i - sode  
 ny might share; he lis - tened to them as they talked  
 pro - mised land, re - called the pro - phets and their ways,  
 ta - ble's head, the stran - ger - guest be - came the host  
 things we do. Be our com - pan - ion on our way;

when all was lost and life made bad: an ug - ly cross had  
 of bro - ken hope and great des - pair, and then the stran - ger  
 God's lead - ing with a lov - ing hand. At jour - ney's end, to  
 by say - ing grace and tak - ing bread. Then sud - den - ly they  
 let East - er in our homes come true, and let our life and

been the end of Christ, the per - fect man and friend.  
 made re - ply that Christ the Lord was bound to die.  
 food and rest, they made him feel a wel - come guest.  
 knew that Christ had made their com - mon meal a feast.  
 work pro - claim the pow - er of your liv - ing name.

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Meditation on LLANFAIR

T. Keesecker

\*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

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

WORDS: Herbert F. Brokering (1926-)

MUSIC: David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a -  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je -

sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb,  
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread,  
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth,  
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing:  
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, riv - er of life,

heav - en for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 giv - ing us glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 Christ to the peo - ple, gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 "O grave, be o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 saints and arch - an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*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**

Alleluia

T. Keesecker

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

Postlude on LLANFAIR

A. Travis

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Jo-Ann Badley;

Writing Prayers of the People - Debbie Benson;

Scripture Reading - Greg Schoepp; Barbara Falk;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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### **FBC Ministry Team:**

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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