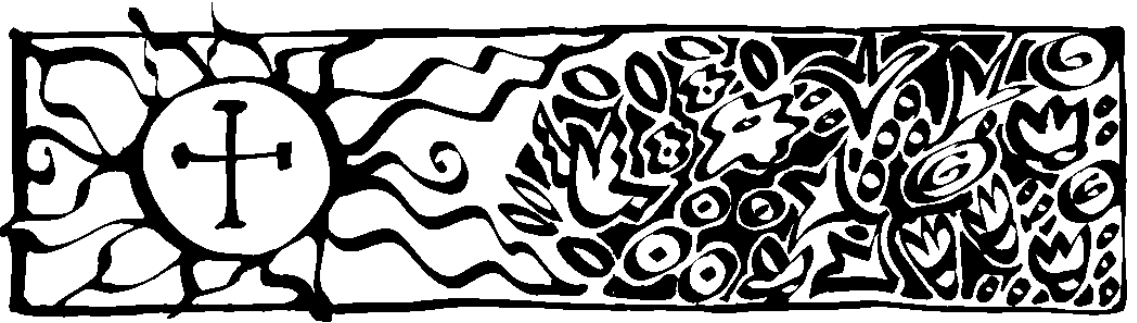


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 10, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Sixth
Sunday of
Easter



PRELUDE

Little Suite for Organ
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

C. Paterson
M. Burkhardt

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

God Sends Us the Spirit

NATOMAH

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936-)

MUSIC: Thomas Williams' *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

***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 know how easy it is to be tied to our darkness and fear.
We get bound up by chains of mistrust and we lose our hope.
We have experienced disappointment and we confess
that we have given up hope and wonder where you are.

God, break through the darkness that we have created with our unbelief
and shine your light.

Help us to remember your good news.

Forgive us when we stubbornly resist your mercy and love.

Come and help us, Lord Jesus.

(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

Acts 17:22-31

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

Words: Brian Wren 1986, alt. 1993

Music: Carlton R. Young 1987

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1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
2 Strong mo - ther God, work - ing night and day,
3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,

cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,

ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're re - con - ciled:
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

E \flat Fm7 E \flat A \flat Fm | 1-5 E \flat Fm B \flat | 6 E \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat

Hail and ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 Hail and ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God! great, liv - ing God!

5 Young, growing God,
 eager, on the move,
 saying no to falsehood
 and unkindness,
 crying out for justice,
 giving all you have:
 Hail and hosanna,
 young, growing God!

6 Great, living God,
 never fully known,
 joyful darkness
 far beyond our seeing,
 closer yet than breathing,
 everlasting home:
 Hail and hosanna,
 great, living God!

LITANY

One: May the Lord smile with kindness upon us.

Many: Let the people praise you!

One: May the whole world celebrate and sing for joy,
because you judge fairly, with integrity, and guide all people near and far.

Many: Let the people praise you!

One: Our God has richly blessed us, providing for all of our needs.

Many: Let the people praise you!

All: May the Lord continue to bless us.

ANTHEM

If You Love Me

R. Clausen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

WORDS: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek out this soul of mine
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong with which the soul will long

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing:
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing:
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing:

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess God's grace, till love cre - ates a place,

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

SECOND READING

John 14:15-21

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Strain

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Come Down, O Love Divine

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Words: Charles Wesley 1747

Music: Rowland Huw Prichard ca. 1831

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven to
2 Come, al - might - ty to de - li - ver, let us all thy
3 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
grace re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com -
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
ly re - stored in thee, changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and
 glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

***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**

Shalom

Traditional Canon

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Recessional

F.D. Ashdown

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Writing Prayers and Leading Worship - Rose Merke;
Prayers of the People and Leading Worship - Louise Adnams;
Scripture Readers - Jack Barker, Matt Barker;
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families
Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music
Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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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*