



*Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial
Ruleville, Mississippi*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 8, 2022
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Praise is the most efficient tool to win many battles at once. It is through praise that the walls of Jericho collapsed, the same way Paul and Silas praised their way out of jail.

Gift Gugu Mona

Gathering Music

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness"

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* Call to Worship

Pat Transue
Revelation 7

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader: Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

People: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

Leader: Let us worship God!

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 210)

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"
DUKE STREET

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

* Eastertide Alleluia (CONGR)

"Celtic Alleluia", vs. 3

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Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord who is good. The love of the Lord knows no ending.

All in Israel say: "God's love has no end." [Refrain]

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

* Gospel Reading

Pat Transue
Luke 6:18-23

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

Morning Prayer 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Dedication of Children's Corner

* Hymn of Dedication (CONGR 529)

"See the Children Here Before Us"
DEANNA

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Intermezzo Op. 76 No. 7"
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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Acts 16:16-34

Ministry of Music

"In the Seasons of Our Silence"
Sandra T. Ford

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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Singing through the Night"

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 195)

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"
WESNATE

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

Alleluia from "Exultate, Jubilate"
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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by:
The memorial fund of Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Simons*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Pat Transue

Cantor & Chancel Choir director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Susan Pauls Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: 9th Street Baptist Missionary Church

*American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min., Rev. Jacqueline L. Saxon, serving churches the Mid-American
Baptist Churches in Iowa and Minnesota*

International Ministries Missionary: Ricardo Mayol-Bracero, serving in Guatemala

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.
The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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