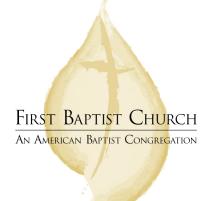


"As It Began At Dawn" [Matthew 28:1-10] Frank Wesley, 1923-2002



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 9, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

# The Worship of God Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination, but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

-Anna Case-Winters

Gathering Music

"Hymns of Praise"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Hannes Combest

Prelude "Christ is Risen"

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\* Call to Worship

Leader: A new day dawns — Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Leader: All creation is made new, for Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Leader: On the first day of this new life, we proclaim: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE AND WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 194)

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

Celebration of Baptism of Charlie Omohundro

\* Gloria (CONGR 705)

"Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

\* 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.

\* Responding in Peace

"Celtic Alleluia"

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Children's Sermon

<sup>\*</sup> In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able

### SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 207)

"Low in the Grave He Lay" CHRIST AROSE

## Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Litany of Assurance

Leader: You have shaken the very foundations of all we thought we knew, O God —

People: life has overcome death and set love loose in the world.

Leader: Your kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven, and the powers of empire are revealed as

powerless,

People: and we are witnesses of your glory.

Leader: We came to see, to recognize our part, to mourn for what was,

People: and you turn us round and send us out with good news, looking to the world you so

love, where you have gone ahead of us.

Leader: Christ is alive, and you have raised us to life in him!

People: We praise you for this wonder of wonders, for the tomb is empty and joy leads us on to

meet you.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

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.

Prayer Response (CONGR 198)

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" LLANFAIR

#### RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant Matthew 28.1-10

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Samuel Medley (1775)/ANTIOCH/#277 Sacred Harp/F.C. Wood, 1850/Arr. Dan Forrest (ASCAP) © 2010 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. Used with permission CCLI #20126570

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant "Stopped in Their Tracks"

\* Hymn of Invitation, (CONG 197)

"We Welcome Glad Easter" ST. DENIO

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Toccata from Symphony No. 5"

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#### TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Hannes Combest

Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen Pianist: Dr. Christy Miller
Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Matthew Johnston Sound: Shane Schenkel
YouTube Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston Welcome Table Greeters: Tim & Nancy Bonner

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Praise Temple Church of God in Christ

American Baptist Churches, USA; Reg. Exe. Min., Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, serving churches in Wisconsin International Ministries Missionary: Kristy Engel, serving as a global consultant

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## SANCTUARY LILIES GIVEN BY THE FOLLOWING:

Margaret Arnold, in memory of husband Bill Arnold

Tim & Nancy Bonner, in memory of our parents, Herman and Doris Bonner, and Clifford and LaVone Anderson Verlin Gilbert, in memory of wife Suzanne, daughter Dana Marie Knappenberger, and mother Marie Lea Swank Ray & LaVerne Hiner, in memory of our parents, and in memory of our grandson Zach Pat Transue, in memory of Howard and Shirley Wilcox

John & Connie Williams, in memory of our mothers, Betty Silva and Doris Long

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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