



*"Mission to the World," 1973, JESUS MAFA
Cameroon, African*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 16, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Jesus' last recorded words to his eleven disciples concern his enduring presence with them. "To the end of the age," he says, as if he were speaking over their heads to all of us here today because they did what Jesus commanded.

- Barbara Brown Taylor

Gathering Music

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"The Strife is O'er"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Joanna Gillette

Leader: Jesus calls us to come and meet him,

People: however many or few we are at the moment, however ready, or unready, we feel.

Leader: Jesus calls us to go out and live his Way,

People: telling the others that another life is possible, showing the world God's kingdom is here.

Leader: Jesus promises to be with us always,

All: present in our work and worship, empowering us to pursue his purpose.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 206)

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

W ZLOBIE LEZY, alt.

* 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 (CONG 196, vs. 1)

"Alleluia No. 1"

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Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

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Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Shared Prayer of Blessing

Rev. Joanna Harader and Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Leader: O risen Lord, who in your first appearance to Mary was mistaken for the gardener:

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People: Be present, be present, O Jesus, good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and show yourself to us in all our mistakes and uncertainties.

Leader: O risen Lord, who appeared to your dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus, and opened to them the scriptures so that their hearts burned within them:

People: Be present, be present, O Jesus, good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and set our hearts on fire with love for you.

Leader: O risen Lord, who gave to your distraught and distracted followers the assurance of healing and forgiveness:

People: Be present, be present, O Jesus, good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and bring together all Christians in peace and harmony.

Leader: O risen Lord, who mindful of the needs of your disciples prepared a meal by the shores of the Sea of Galilee:

People: Be present, be present, O Jesus, good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and make yourself known to us in all acts of hospitality and sharing.

Leader: O risen Lord, who in your final appearance on the Mount of Olives lifted up hands of blessing on all humankind:

People: Be present, be present, O Jesus, good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and grant that our prayers and praises today may be taken up into yours on behalf of the whole world.

Leader: O risen Lord, who taught us how to live and how to pray, we pray now in the way that you taught us:

People: 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.

Hymn of Unity

“Could It Be that God Is Singing”

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Community Witness Fund: Ballard Center

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“Song of Youth”

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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 28.16-20

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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Ministry of Music

“Go Ye Into All the World”
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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
“All the Days”

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 653)

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”
BEECHER

* Life of the Church

* Benediction - Postlude

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The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Joanna Gillette

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Pianist: Dr. Christy Miller

Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Glenn Prescott Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest Welcome Table: Steve & Sally Heilman

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Redeemer Lutheran Church. American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen, serving churches in the Kansas Central Region. International Ministries Missionary: Waleska Febres, serving in Columbia

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.
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