



*"Apostles Paul, John, James the Greater, James the Lesser, Bartholomew,"
by Nick Thompson*

*8.4.2009: left door ("portal of the martyrs"), South Portal,
Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Chartres, France*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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And I knew that the Spirit that had gone forth to shape the world and make it live was still alive in it. I just had no doubt. I could see that I lived in the created world, and it was still being created. I would be part of it forever. There was no escape. The Spirit that made it was in it, shaping it and reshaping it, sometimes lying at rest, sometimes standing up and shaking itself, like a muddy horse, and letting the pieces fly.

- Wendell Berry

Gathering Music

"Rock Medley"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"Sonata"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Rev. John Williams

Leader: God calls us together in community

People: and God calls us each to our own specific work, too.

Leader: God calls us together in community

People: and God reminds us that our community cannot contain God's grace.

Leader: God calls us together in community

People: and God sends us out, nurtured, empowered, and supported.

* Hymn of Gathering (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.

* Responding in Peace (CONG 196, vs. 3)

"Alleluia No. 1"

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

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

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* Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams

Matthew 10.40-42

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

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

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Somebody's Calling My Name"

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

You are in the midst of the world, Living God, working for life in all things, from the ordinary to the extraordinary, and we confess that we rarely recognize you. We are boxed-in by our own experience, traditions, and expectations. We confess that we do not have the faith to imagine something else is possible, so we try to stuff your new thing into our old frame. We admit that rather than worshipping You, we have often worshiped our ideas about you, the places we have met you, and the people who have revealed you. Forgive us, shift our perspective, and open our minds and hearts to see what could be. Put our imaginations to the service of your kingdom, that we may truly live for your glory.

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.

Prayer Response

"Sparrow"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Wendy Wheeler
Family Promise 5K

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Nocturne Op. 32 No. 1"

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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 13:1-3; 14:8-18

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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
“It’s Time to Talk about ‘Evangelism’”

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 622)

“He Lives”
ACKLEY

* 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: Rev. John Williams

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson FBC Worship Band

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Joanna Gillette, Steve Yoder

Sound: Chad Johnston

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls Welcome Table: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Rev City Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. The Rev. Dr. Harry L. Riggs, II, serving churches in Connecticut

International Ministries Missionaries: Laura & Rich Freeman, serving in Turkey

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