



"Peter and John Heal a Lame Man at the Temple Gate"
Rembrandt van Rijn, 1659

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 14, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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[Today's text in Acts] is vivid with ministry possibilities, as well as deep theological insights on the relationship between prayer and healing. Prayer has many functions and one of which is to open our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to possibilities of healing the sick world. The world distributes medicine only to the rich and yet the poor are left out. The voice of the church is silent even when seeing sin in the distribution systems of all that concerns human life....Could it be that Acts 3:1-10 is a call for the church to be attentive to the needs of the sick and also a call to see all people as fellow beloved children of God's kingdom?

— Israel Kamudzandu

Gathering Music

“Knowing You, Jesus”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matt Sturtevant

Prelude

“O Sons and Daughters of the Lord (O Filii)”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Pat Transue

Leader: Come, it is the time for worship —

People: the time we come together in praise and prayer.

Leader: Celebrating resurrection, still singing our Hallelujahs,

People: we come together in praise and prayer.

Leader: With joy and with sadness, carrying all the experiences of life,

People: we come together in praise and prayer.

Leader: In the middle of everything going on in our lives and in the world, this is the time we pause
to look intently toward the living God,

People: coming together in praise and prayer.

* Hymn of Praise (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

“Celtic Alleluia”

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* Gospel Reading

Pat Transue
Mark 6.53-56

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

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 208)

"He Is Lord"

HE IS LORD

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

You invite us to pay attention, O God. We confess that we often do not notice the ways our habits and plans exclude others. We confess that we prefer to look away from those who make us uncomfortable, whose bodies or minds or spirits work differently from ours, whose life experiences challenge our worldviews. Forgive us when we look away from those we don't think deserve our help. Forgive us when we limit your love to a transaction, refusing to take a risk that might lead us past what we think we are capable of. Expand our imagination, to the possibility of healing, to the possibility of resurrection, to the possibility of love.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news: God always listens to our cries and confessions. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. In Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, you are forgiven.

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

"And the Father Will Dance"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

God at Work: What FBC Means to Me

Nancy Shockley, read by Pat Transue

Offertory

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (Duke Street)"

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* Doxology (**Evelyn, organ**) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Acts 3.1-10

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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant, Missions Team, & Tim Bonner
"Look at Us!"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 222)

"Thine Is the Glory"
MACCABEUS

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

"Fanfare for a King"

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Liturgist: Pat Transue

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Joanna Gillette • Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Edgardo Manuel Caraballo Marín,
serving churches in Puerto Rico

International Ministries Global Servants: Katrina & Kyle Williams, serving in Southeast Asia

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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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