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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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The early church is...confronting those who have made a religion that has lost the powerful transforming work that God has done in the world...turning upside down the "religious" practices...of those who missed that what God is doing is available to all.

—Joy J. Moore

Gathering Music

"Were You There?" with "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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"Wondrous Love" (Medley)

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"My God and I"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Anne Munsterman

Leader: Grace to you, and peace in the name of God our Maker and Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Grace to you, and peace. We give thanks to God for you!

Leader: Together, we come to learn from the Spirit and each other

People: and to pass on what we have heard, so together we may grow in Christlikeness.

Leader: We are one link in the chain, one ripple moving outward,

People: embodying our faith so all may see and know God's love.

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 217)

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYMN TO JOY

* 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

Anne Munsterman

Mark 13.9-11

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

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

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 389)

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
CHILDREN PRAYING

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

Living God, sometimes it's so hard to live in your kingdom now. We give weight to voices that praise us for doing good, and so feed our egos instead of focusing on your call. Forgive us, O God, when we have valued our place in the social systems of our world more than your call to radical love, grace, justice, and hospitality. Forgive us when we have enforced our vision of calm rather than pursuing your peace. Forgive us for choosing the rewards of here and now over the abundant life of your kingdom. Turn us once again to your Way.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Know this: you are loved by God, and chosen to live in Christ's way so that others may know love as well. Take up your belovedness, and share it.

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

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
I Thessalonians 1.1-10

God at Work: What FBC Means to Me

Evelyn Falen

Offertory

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those attending children's church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Acts 17.1-9

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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"A Tale of Two Powers"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 278)

"We Are Travelers on a Journey"
BEACH SPRING

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

"Trumpet Fanfare"

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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: Anne Munsterman

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Jim Lord • Sound: Chad Johnston

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Trinity Episcopal Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. Sandra L. DeMott Hasenauer,
serving churches in the Rochester/Genesee Region, New York

International Ministries: Debby & Kyle Witmer, serving in Southeast Asia & Japan

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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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