



"Corinthians"

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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While Jesus' body was once dead but is now alive, the signs of torture in wounded hands, feet, and side remain. The resurrection body – the church itself as the body of Christ – is a wounded, imperfect, warts-and-all kind of body, full of conflict and continually called back into relationship. God creates new life from this messy imperfection. God does not give up on God's people but creates even amid conflict.

– Crystal Hall

Gathering Music

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Arr. Mark Hayes

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It”

William J. Kirkpatrick/Mark Hayes.

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Happiness is the Lord”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Chad Johnston

Leader: In resurrection faith, we join together –

People: called by Christ from our many places and histories.

Leader: In resurrection faith, we join together –

People: united in Christ, to seek his purpose.

Leader: In resurrection faith, we join together –

People: to share the work of proclaiming Christ's good news.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 561)

“Shall We Gather at the River”

HANSON PLACE

* 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 (CONGR 20)

“Creation Sings”

CREATION SINGS

* Gospel Reading

Chad Johnston

Mark 9.34–35

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 142)

"God's Love Made Visible"
POSADA

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

Risen Lord, there is so much work to be done in your world, that we confess that we are overwhelmed, and we have lost focus. We have gotten caught up in details so that we don't have to admit we aren't moving forward. We have created in-groups and out-groups, ignoring your call to unity. Forgive us for abandoning the core of your message while clinging to the things we think others expect of a church. Breathe your life into us, that we in turn may live as your Body, for your glory.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: we have been made holy in Christ Jesus and our sins 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

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Chad Johnston

Offertory

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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 18.1-4

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"A Jazz Gospel"

* Hymn of Invitation

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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Introduction of the Martures

Matthew Johnston, FBC Moderator

Commissioning of the Martures

Matthew Johnston: You have served this church in many, many ways for a long time now, and other members of our church community have noticed. The ministries that each of you do with us and for us are vital parts of our church’s ministry. Your fellow church members have nominated you for public recognition of your gifts, your dedication, your leadership, and your hard work. They see you as God’s hands and feet in this church family.

Pastor Matt: As leaders in this community, you have been examples of Christ’s love and self-sacrificing service to us. You are helping us become better Christians. We want to take this opportunity to tell you what that service means to us and offer a blessing for the good work that you are doing. This is not a service award or a new set of expectations for you. This is your church family acknowledging the special leadership in service that you have offered to us as part of us.

Matthew: Congregation, you have nominated these people to be recognized as Martus, witnesses of God’s love in our midst. What would you like to say to them?

Congregation: We love you and the ministry that you are doing with us and for us. We appreciate the ways you have gone above and beyond to be God’s hands and feet. We bless you for that work and recognize it as sacred. We commit to supporting you, praying for you, and working with you in your ministries. Thank you for who you have been, who you are, and who you are becoming.

Pastor Matt: The laying on of hands is an ancient Christian practice used for consecrating certain members of the community for particular kinds of service. In that tradition, then, we want to lay hands on you and consecrate you and your ministry. This isn’t to make something holy that was not before. Rather, this is a recognition that the work you are doing is already holy. Therefore, we invite a few church members to come up as representatives of us all and lay hands on you while we pray.

Prayer for the Martures

Matthew: Ministers at our church wear stoles in worship as symbols of the yoke of responsibility that they carry. We offer you symbols of your leadership as well. Towels and basins are not fancy things, though they can certainly be beautiful. They are useful. Jesus used one when he washed the disciples’ feet. Deacons in the early church used them to dry people off after baptism. They symbolize service, love, and warmth. They remind us of the service, love, and warmth that you provide this community. Please accept them as symbols of your ministry and leadership in this church family.

Invitation to Offer Blessings

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Old-Time Religion” with “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”
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*The flowers on the altar today are given by Bridgette Murphy to celebrate May Day, the day Bridgette and her daughter
May celebrate May being brave enough to come out as LGBTQ.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Liturgist: Chad Johnston

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Joanna Gillette, Steve Yoder • Sound: Jim Lord

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Trinity Lutheran Church

*American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. Courtney Davis Olds,
serving churches in Rhode Island*

International Ministries Global Servant: Faye Yarbrough, serving in South Africa

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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:

Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant – matt@firstbaptistlawrence.com	Senior Pastor
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