



Our Worship of God

April 12, 2020

11:15 am

✧ Easter Sunday ✧

Prelude

Joy In the Morning
Colleen Ostercamp, organ

arr. Ramey

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Naming our Lament

What Easter rituals are you missing this year?

Hymn of Reflection

Sung to AURELIA

*This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We're distant from our neighbors— from worship leaders, too.
Less flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.*

*No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.*

*Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.*

*In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.*

*We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.*

Call to Worship (responsive)

Beloved church, the Good News is here,
Even in our diaspora, the love of God prevails,
Behold the victory of God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.
Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Hymn of Praise 234

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

Children's Moment

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sharing our Gifts

Song of Celebration

Christ is Risen

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave*

*The prodigal is welcomed home
The sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life
And everything has changed
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave*

*O death where is your sting
O fear where is your power
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed eternal life is ours
O praise His name forever*

*Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave*

*And on the day You call me in
To heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars Your open arms
The beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave*

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

He is Risen.

He is Risen Indeed.

Hymn of Celebration 238

Because He Lives

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

Message

Carol McEntyre

Naming our Joy

Where have you seen Easter hope, love or joy?

Song of Response

Resurrecting

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet
Now at his feet we bow

The one who wore our sin and shame
Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love
Now shines for all to see

Your name, Your name is victory
All praise will rise
To Christ our king

The fear that held us now gives way
To him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross
Is now alive in me

By your spirit I will rise
From the ashes of defeat
The resurrected king is resurrecting me
In your name I come alive
To declare your victory
The resurrected king is resurrecting me

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain
Our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave

Announcements

Benediction (responsive)

May the loving power of God,
which raised Jesus to new life,
strengthen us in hope,
enrich us with his love,
and fill us with joy in the faith

Christ is risen

He is risen indeed.

Postlude

Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen, BWV 51

J. S. Bach

Arun Garg, *pianist*

Isabel Quintela, *soprano*

Worship Notes

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.

Week at a Glance

Tuesday, April 14

9:30 am Pause for Prayer

Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

4:00 pm First Kids Connect

Children's Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

6:00 pm First Baptist Book Club

Online Zoom book discussion with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null.

Wednesday, April 15

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon

Online Zoom call with Pastor Carol McEntyre

6:00 pm The Calling Online

Online Zoom meeting with Pastor Michael McEntyre

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Check-in

Online Zoom meeting with Noah Hartsfield

Thursday, April 16

7:00 pm Pause for Prayer

Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sunday, April 19

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

11:15 am Online Worship Service

Stream the worship service by clicking "Watch Us Live" from link at the top of our website

Information regarding Zoom meetings
is available on our website:
www.fbc-columbia.org
Go to: "Get Involved" tab
and then click "Online Gatherings"

Announcements

Weekly Online Gatherings

On Sunday mornings at 10:15 am, there is corporate Bible Study prior to our 11:15 online service. Tuesdays at 9:30 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm Brittany McDonald Null is hosting *Pause for Prayer*, a fifteen-minute guided prayer using different grounding practices. On Wednesdays at noon, Pastor Carol McEntyre is leading a 30 minute-long zoom call for a weekly check-in, scripture reflection, and prayer. Youth will have a call with Pastor Michael McEntyre on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. On Tuesdays at 4pm, there will be a First Kids Zoom Call online for kids and volunteers with Pastor Brittany. Each of the zoom calls is open to all. Our zoom conferencing allows up to 300 people to join! We will post the link on our Facebook page and send an email with the code to join. Those who wish not to join via webcam can also call a number and join by phone. We look forward to new and creative ways to be church together in this season of change. If you need any assistance setting up the free zoom service, you can contact Pastors Michael and Brittany, or the Telling team members Jason Tratchel and Bryce Null.

First Baptist Scholarships

First Baptist Church is fortunate to have endowments specifically to help with post-high school education expenses. If you are currently enrolled in a course of study and would like to be considered for support, application forms are on our website under the “Resources” tab or by calling the church office. The deadline to submit applications is May 1. Specific scholarships are designated for women in ministry, the helping sciences, and science and engineering, in addition to support for areas outside of those designated.

First Baptist Book Club

The First Baptist Book Club has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 14 at 6 pm via zoom. The book club will discuss *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen.

<https://zoom.us/j/914728205>
or, join by phone: 1-312-626- 6799