

AGAIN & AGAIN THE SUN RISES



Our Worship of God

April 4, 2021

9:15 am

~ Easter Sunday ~

Preservice Music

Prelude - Fiat Lux
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Dubois

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: This day is like every other day.

**All: Alarm clocks beeped. Covers were removed.
Coffee was brewed. Weary bodies came to life.**

One: And yet this day, is like no other day—

**All: For the sun rose, and we knew it was a miracle.
The tomb was empty, and they knew it was love.**

One: So again and again we say—

All: The longest night is over. Death has lost its sting.

One: He is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Again and again, He is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Opening Song

Christ is Risen

*Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love*

*And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us
Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave*

*Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim*

*Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave*

*O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive*

*Christ is risen from the dead
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Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Today, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ
and his triumphant victory over evil and death.
As we light the Christ candle here in the sanctuary,
we invite you to light a candle at your place of worship,
may the light of Christ, rising in glory, shine bright today.*

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Raising the Alleluia

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sharing Our Gifts**Hymn 254**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

*Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.*

*Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.*

*Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
There in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;
Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!*

Message

Again and Again, the Sun Rises

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Song of Reflection

Rise Up

*You're broken down and tired
Of living life on a merry go round
And you can't find the fighter
But I see it in you so we gonna walk it out
And move mountains
We gonna walk it out
And move mountains*

*And I'll rise up
I'll rise like the day
I'll rise up
I'll rise unafraid
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again
And I'll rise up
High like the waves
I'll rise up
In spite of the ache
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again*

*For you
For you*

*For you
For you*

*When the silence isn't quiet
And it feels like it's getting hard to breathe
And I know you feel like dying
But I promise we'll take the world to its feet
And move mountains
Bring it to its feet
And move mountains*

*And I'll rise up
I'll rise like the day
I'll rise up
I'll rise unafraid
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again*

*For you
For you
For you
For you*

*All we need, all we need is hope
And for that we have each other
And for that we have each other
And we will rise
We will rise
We'll rise, oh, oh
We'll rise*

*I'll rise up
Rise like the day
I'll rise up
In spite of the ache
I will rise a thousand times again
And we'll rise up*

*High like the waves
We'll rise up
In spite of the ache
We'll rise up
And we'll do it a thousand times again*

For you, for you, for you, for you.

Ah, ah, ah, ah

Communion Liturgy (responsive)

We know the fear of the upper room.

We know the feeling of hard days and long nights.

We know the grief of the tomb,

And the particular ache of saying goodbye.

We know the pain of Good Friday,

And we know the darkness before dawn.

And still,

And still,

We trust.

We trust that again and again,

The sun will rise. The daffodils will bloom.

Again and again,

God will draw near.

Again and again,

We will march toward justice.

Again and again,

The tomb will be empty.

Again and again,

Love will win.

Again and again,

God will lead the church.

Again and again,

And again and again,

We will be loved.

Again and again, we will come to the table
That stretches as wide as God's love.

**Again and again, we will receive the bread
Remembering the last meal Jesus shared with his friends.**

Again and again, we will raise the cup,
recalling the covenant sealed in Christ's love

**Again and again we will eat and drink,
Trusting that this bread and cup will sustain us
As we work for justice and peace.**

The journey will not be perfect.
We will need to rise before dawn.
We will need angels along the way.
But again and again,
The sun *will* rise.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Amen.

Communion

Hymn of Easter 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!*

Life of the Church

Benediction

As you go
May your mouth speak of God's goodness.
May your arms hold those in need.
May your feet walk toward justice.
May your heart trust its worth.
May your soul dance in God's grace.
And may this be your rhythm—
Again and again and again,
Until God's promised day.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved,
and Love itself, Go with courage,
go with heart, go in peace.
Amen.

Postlude

The Heavens Are Telling Hayden/arr. Setchell
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ* Beckie Forsee-Jones, *piano*

Worship Notes

Christ is Risen, CCLI Song #5242683, Matt Maher | Mia Fieldes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 4

- 9:15 am Easter Online Worship Service
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
- 11:15 am Easter Worship Service on the front lawn

Tuesday, April 6

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call
- 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 7

- 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
- 6:00 pm The Calling Resumes
- 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal
- 7:45 pm Chancel Choir Zoom

Friday, April 9

- 12:15 pm Jesus Calling: Women's Devotional and Prayer Time via Zoom

Sunday, April 11

- 9:15 am Online Worship Service
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
- 11:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn

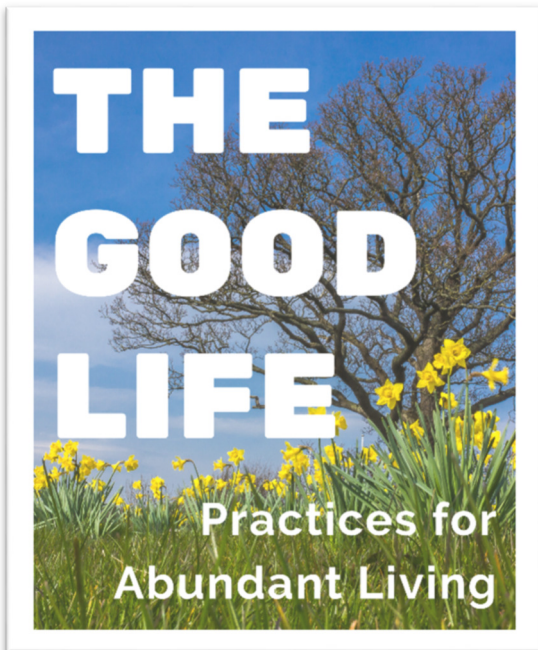
Announcements

Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490. If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

The Good Life: Practices for Abundant Living

New Sermon Series Beginning April 11



What makes for a good life? Grappling with questions about what makes a good life is part of being human; this past year has led many of us to evaluate this question even further. In the coming months, as more people get vaccinated and we move toward our new normal, this sermon series *The Good Life: Practices for Abundant Living*, invites us to think about and reflect on how we want to live going forward in light of our Christian values. Instead of simply longing for what was, our hope is to discern how God is calling us to live now, and consciously make choices to follow in Christ’s footsteps. Without this space for reflection, chances are the

inevitable tide of busyness will wash away any opportunity for reflection. This series is built on the wisdom of Christian theology and the ways in which authentic Christian practices bring about true and lasting life satisfaction. We look forward to sharing in this series beginning April 11.

The Calling Resumes April 7

We are excited to announce that our Student Ministry plans to start back with our on-lawn Wednesday night gatherings for the Calling on April 7 from 6:00-7:15pm. There will be food and fun galore as we come together IN-PERSON to share life and faith in the front yard. We hope all our students will mark their calendars and make plans to join us on April 7. Just like last fall, we are asking that students wear masks to our gatherings, and we will continue to practice social distancing when possible during our time together. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!



First Baptist Book Club - April 13

The First Baptist Book Club is excited to announce their next read: *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Michael Curry. As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more importantly, how to go a whole lot further. You can purchase the book on your own to read before our next discussion on April 13.



Church Business Meeting

Sunday, April 18

1:00 pm via Zoom

On Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 pm, First Baptist will gather for a special called Business Meeting via Zoom. Thanks to the hard work of our Finance Committee, the Stepping Toward 200 Taskforce (a team created by the Church Council in 2019), and our Church Council, a motion is being presented to the church to pay off the remaining building debt from our Building Tomorrow Today campaign. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and recent gifts to our Legacy Giving funds, we have the opportunity to retire our approximate remaining debt of \$375,000. This will save us roughly \$50,000 per year in debt services. The Business Meeting will lay out the path on how this will be accomplished and ask the church to vote to approve the retirement of this loan. We hope all our members will take part in this good work.



Afternoon of Lawn Games

Sunday, April 25 from 2-4 pm

On Sunday, April 25 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm we will gather on the front lawn of the church building for an afternoon of fun and games! With the weather warming up, people are longing for safe, enjoyable ways to gather. We will play some lawn games like ladder ball, volleyball, corn hole toss, and other such amusements.



Please bring a lawn chair and wear your mask. Remember, no handshakes, hugs, elbow bumps, or any form of physical touching, but laughter, conversation, and fun are encouraged.



ForColumbia 2021

ForColumbia is back and gearing up to serve our city on June 5, 2021. Project planning is currently underway as we work with ministry partners in our community to identify needs. Referrals for projects to be considered can also be made at <https://www.forcolumbia.com/referral/>. First Baptist is already planning on work at the new Extra Mile house as well as another project at Benton Elementary. More details to come. Signups for ForColumbia begin April 18.

