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# THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

## EASTER

April 17, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and all that this sacred event implies — the victory of life over death, love over fear, hope over despair. This year's celebration feels a bit more profound since, due to the pandemic, this is the first Easter in two years that we have been able to celebrate together in the sanctuary. We read texts that proclaim hope, we offer prayers of thanksgiving, and in the sermon, we reflect on the first disciples' struggle to believe the unbelievable news the women who have discovered the empty tomb bring. Like those disciples, we often consider this an idle tale until something persuades us to believe, but when do, there is cause for celebration. As is often the case, the gift of music is the best means through which we celebrate news that is too good to be bound by words.

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### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Leah Reed

The Trinity Chimes

*Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship."*

The Prelude

"Fanfare on EASTER HYMN"

Maureen Howell

John A. Behnke

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: It was dawn. The sun was warming the earth. The birds were singing.

PEOPLE: **The beauty of the day was lost on the grieving women. It may as well have been midnight as they approached the tomb.**

LEADER: It was dawn. The earth was rejoicing. The breeze whispered alleluias across the land.

PEOPLE: **It made no sense. The stone had moved. The body was gone. Confusion and fear shoved grief to the side.**

LEADER: It was dawn. The trees swayed in the rhythm of songs from the heavens.

PEOPLE: **Dazzling clothes, strange voices, familiar words: on the third day the Son of Man will rise again.**

LEADER: It was dawn. The women were running. The words were forming.

PEOPLE: **Christ is risen! Come and see!**

LEADER: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: **He is risen indeed.**

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

Daniel Kallman, arr.

In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness,  
 Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
 By thee are given the joys of heaven,  
 Thou the only Savior art.  
 To serve thee ever, forsake thee never,  
 We bow before thee, love and adore thee.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 In him is gladness, gone is all sadness,  
 He who once was dead is raised.  
 Jesus is giving life to the living.  
 Now and ever let him be praised!  
 Here where they laid him, death has not stay'd him.  
 The tomb once somber holds him no longer.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Now is the story of Easter glory  
 Sung with glad voices, the world rejoices.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Johann Lindermann, alt. 1598

translated: C. Winkworth, 1858, and C. Kallman, 1992

Music: Giovanni Gastoldi, 1594

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 65:17–25

Allison Strickland

<sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

(Congregation to join on repeat)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Celtic Alleluia  
Finton O'Carroll, & Christopher Walker, 1985

The Morning Prayer

Christopher Chapman

The 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

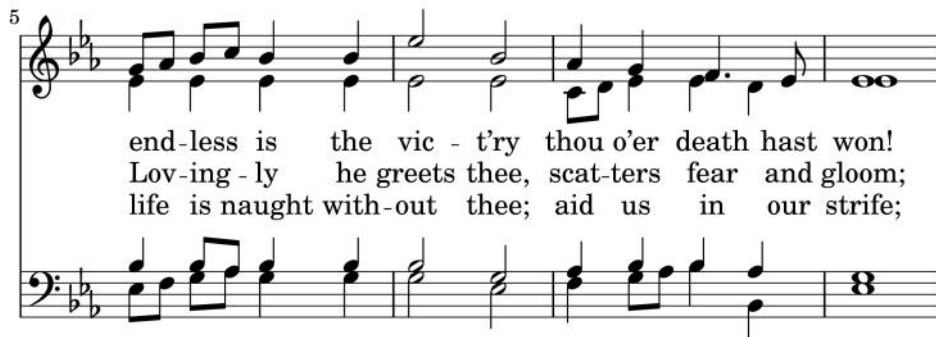
\*The Hymn of Praise

"Thine Is the Glory"

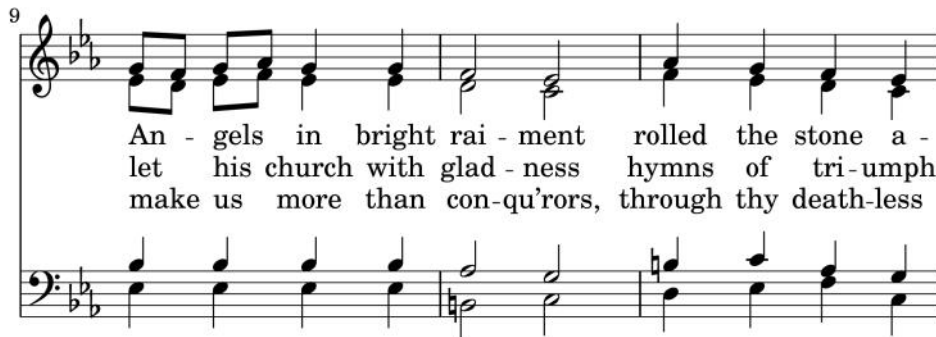
MACCABEUS



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ri - sen from the tomb!  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life;



5 end-less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
 Lov-ing - ly he greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom;  
 life is naught with-out thee; aid us in our strife;



9 An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a -  
 let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph  
 make us more than con-qu'rors, through thy death-less

12

way, kept the fold - ed graveclothes where thy bod - y  
sing, for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its  
love; bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a -

16 *Refrain*

lay.  
sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;  
above.

21

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

The Sermon

“An Idle Tale or Something More”

Christopher Chapman

The Anthems

Sanctuary Choir

“Easter Morning”

Paul J. Christiansen

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord. Then the same day as they were assembled came Jesus and stood in the midst. Then said Jesus unto them: Peace be unto you.

Text: from Gospel of John

“Hallelujah”

G.F. Handel (from MESSIAH)

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever, Hallelujah. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Text: from Book of Revelation

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself during the singing of the Hymn of Discipleship. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to reflect upon their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.*

\*The Hymn of Discipleship

“At Dawn, the Women Made Their Way”

FOREST GREEN

**At dawn, the women made their way with spice and sweet perfume  
to where their Lord and Savior lay enshrouded in the tomb.**

**But, wonder of amazing grace to those whose hearts were grieved:  
they saw their Savior face to face, and with their love, believed.**

**The myst’ry of this risen Lord, such matchless peace bestows:  
a table set, a cup outpoured, whose goodness overflows.**

**Our ointments, too, we gladly bring, as each new dawn arrives:  
the sweetness of the songs we sing; the spice of faithful lives.**

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2002

Music: English folk melody

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

\*The Benediction

\*The Chimes

*Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you go, remember, “you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”*

\*The Postlude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Maureen Howell

Robert J. Powell

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\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Allison Strickland. A ten-year member of First Baptist, Allison is a member of the Nominating Committee and the Adult Ministry Council. She is the secretary of deacons, as well as a teacher for the High School Sunday School class. She and her husband Matt have two children, Alice and Hayes.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Burke and Pauline Koonce, Calvin and Mary Grady Koonce, and Marvin and Ann Koonce by Vic and Mary Grady Bell and Battle and Kathryn Koonce.



Sympathy to Walter Perry on the April 9 death of his father, Gaston Perry.

Please be in prayer for the 95 people on the Churchwide Retreat to Fort Caswell next weekend.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$7,048 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, April 20, in person and via Zoom; meal served at 5:00pm, program at 6:15pm. The Rev. Andrew Tatum. will address some of the key areas of awareness about mental health that churches should know in order to offer faithful and Christ-like responses to the needs of our community. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details and the Zoom link.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice](http://www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice)), by email ([dmast@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). Menu for April 20: pork tenderloin and spanakopita.

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### **Calendar Highlights • April 17–24, 2021**

Sunday, April 17

*Easter*

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)  
Japanese Worship (301/302)

Monday, April 18

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Closed
- 6:00 MMiH Rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, April 19

- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Wednesday, April 20

- 5:00 Meal Served (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Mission Friends/RAs/GAs  
Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Middle School Small Group (Blue Room)
- 6:45 Children's Music (302/Music Suite)

Thursday, April 21

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 6:30 HS Bible Study (Wade Home)

Friday, April 22 – Sunday, April 24 Churchwide Retreat to Fort Caswell

Sunday, April 24

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Leah Reed Preaching (Sanctuary & YouTube)  
Japanese Worship (301/302)



# *Easter Gifts*

## *IN HONOR OF:*

*Bonnie Baker*, by Linda Sears

*Colleen and Bob Bradley*, by their granddaughters, Caroline and Savannah Bradley

*Nick, Lauren, Caroline, and Savannah Bradley*, by Shirley and John Hobson

*Lorine Calloway*, by her family

*Mack Conway*, by Lauren Teague

*Carolyn Crutchfield*, by the Hager family

*Dan and Carol Day*, by Brenda Jordan

*Kent and Carolyn Dickens*, by Hollis and Wyatt Yelverton

*Mary Frances Ellington*, by Susan Stevens

*Greg Flowers*, by Marchelle Flowers

*Her son, E. Scott Harlow*, by Brenda Jordan

*Asher and Ryder Helms*, by Sterling and Myra Brickell

*The teachers of the John Hiott Fellowship class*

*Joan Hobson*, by her great-granddaughters Caroline and Savannah Bradley

*Joan Hobson*, by Shirley and John Hobson

*Shirley and John Hobson*, by their granddaughters, Caroline and Savannah Bradley

*Grandchildren Lili, Drew, and Ainsley Keown*, by Jim and Jennie Keown

*Fannie Memory Mitchell*, by Brenda Jordan

*Fannie Memory Mitchell*, by Lynn and Bill Loomis

*Sonia Moore*, by Greg and Marchelle Flowers

*Ted Selna*, by Courtney and Mike Selna

*Alice Williams*, by Dawn, John, and Blair

*Janie Yelverton*, by Hollis and Wyatt Yelverton

## *IN MEMORY OF:*

*Christy Alston*, by Linda Roberts

*Maurice Baker*, by Linda Sears

*Jerry Blanchard, Sr. (Daddy and Granddaddy)*, by the Blanchards

*Their parents*, by Sterling and Myra Brickell

*Blayne Brown*, by Jess Helms

*Bet Carden*, by Anne Tunstall

*Elizabeth H. Chamblee*, by Robert and Jan Ponton

*Jim Clary and their parents*, by Margaret Clary

*Corbin Cooper and Nelson Cooper*, by Joann Cooper and son John  
*Dr. Graham Crutchfield*, by Carolyn Crutchfield  
*Dr. Graham Crutchfield and Rev. Joy C. Hager*, by the Hager family  
*Kathryn Cunningham*, by Betty and Austin Connors  
*Grandmanana*, by the Dare Family  
*Glenn Vernon Davis (Daddy)*, by Brantley and Lindsey Blanchard  
*Madge and O.H. Dillard*, by Marie D. Andrews  
*Mr. Odus Elliott and Mrs. Mary Elliott*, by Judy, Battle, Lee, and Warren Whitley  
*Iris Taylor Everett*, by Robert and Jan Ponton  
*HF, Ginny, and Forest Flowers*, by Greg and Marchelle Flowers  
*Penny, Jimmy, and Jim Frisbie*, by Peggy Frisbie  
*Polly Wilkins Garrard*, by her granddaughter, Lauren Bradley  
*Pauline Wilkins Garrard, Sam Garrard, and John Wilkins*, by Shirley and John Hobson  
*Their mothers*, by Kitty and Chet Goolsby  
*Bennie Ray and Mary Denton Gupton*, by Paula Page  
*Douglas and Evelyn Hager*, by the Hager family  
*Rev. Joy Crutchfield Hager*, by Carolyn Crutchfield  
*Anna Helms*, by Jess and Chase Helms  
*The teachers of the John Hiott Fellowship class*  
*Edward Hobson*, by Shirley and John Hobson  
*Mildred and Earl Hostetler*, by Robert and Jan Ponton  
*Andrew Austin Howell*, by Warren and Maureen Howell  
*Dr. Kay Huggins*, by Barbara Huggins  
*Carey Hunter*, by his wife and children  
*Ernie and Mary Frances Johnson*, by Emily Johnson  
*Her husband, John R. Jordan, Jr.*, by Brenda Jordan  
*Uncle Bob Lewis*, by Tom, Maria, Katie, Ann, and Caroline Childrey  
*Charlotte H. Lewis, Henry L. Lewis, and Major Henry Lee Lewis, Jr.*, by Judy, Battle, Lee, and Warren Whitley  
*Dr. John M. Lewis, Pastor Emeritus*, by Marie D. Andrews  
*Scott Lingafelt*, by Jess and Chase Helms  
*Scott Lingafelt*, by Lynn, Luke, Sarah, and Philip  
*Randall Lolley*, by Lou Lolley  
*Odell, Polly, and Diane McCollum*, by Beth McCollum  
*Ralph Lynn and Anna Lee McGunigal*, by Charles and Grace Parker  
*Kathy Mincey*, by Dan Roberts  
*Dick Moore*, by Greg and Marchelle Flowers  
*Jack and Zua Moore*, by Nancy and Bobby Phillips

*Her mother, Sarah W. Moore*, by Brenda Jordan  
*Patricia Motz-Frazier*, by Courtney and Mike Selna  
*Joe Overman (Daddy and Papa)*, by the Blanchards  
*Robert Page*, by Paula Page  
*Charles B. and Annie Laurie Parker*, by Charles and Grace Parker  
*Durwood Pegram*, by Jess and Chase Helms  
*Robert and Lillie Mae Phillips*, by Nancy and Bobby Phillips  
*Audrey Pittard*, by Anne Tunstall  
*Her uncle, Uriel O. Powell*, by Mary Frances Ellington  
*Uriel Powell*, by Susan Stevens  
*Lillian Ridgeway*, by Anne Tunstall  
*Kathy Romeo*, by the Bradley Family  
*Kathy Romeo*, by Betty and Austin Connors  
*Howard Shell*, by Frances Shell  
*Elmore Snead*, by Brenda Snead  
*Mr. Steve Stewart and Mrs. Lucy Stewart*, by Judy, Battle, Lee, and Warren Whitley  
*Fay Tomlinson*, by Hollis and Wyatt Yelverton  
*Eleora Toomey*, by Cynthia Toomey  
*Alice and George Tunstall*, by Anne Tunstall  
*Ed Vick*, by Laura Anne Vick and daughters, Jennifer, Carolyn, and Elizabeth  
*Marianne Webb*, by Joe Webb  
*Wilton and Evelyn Wheeley*, by Lynn and Bill Loomis  
*Mrs. Donna Stewart Whitley*, by Judy, Battle, Lee, and Warren Whitley  
*Elmo Williams*, by Dawn, John, and Blair  
*Harold Yelverton*, by Jess and Chase Helms  
*Harold Yelverton*, by Hollis and Wyatt Yelverton

