



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WORCESTER

*A Welcoming and Affirming Church
A Safe Space for All*

First gathered in 1812



Order of Worship 2nd Sunday of Eastertide

April 8, 2018
10:00 AM

Welcome to First Baptist!

Alguien habla español aquí.

Es gibt hier Leute, die Deutsch sprechen.

May nagsasalita nang Tagalog dito.

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Temos alguém aqui que fala português.

这里有人说中文。

Kuna mtu hapa anayezungumza Swahili.

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Ici on parle français.

Thoughts on Worship

Throughout this season, we begin our services with an Invitatory, which refers to a time of invitational worship. In the Jewish tradition of the Kabbalat Shabbat and the Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant tradition of Matins and Morning Prayer, we use the Venite, Psalm 95, as our text.

During Eastertide, Wesley will be playing a series of extended Postludes celebrating themes of resurrection. You should feel no obligation to stay, but if you do wish to stay, you are invited to think of these pieces as a non-verbal extension of worship. Let your mind and spirit reflect upon what resurrection means for you. This week we will hear Charles Tournemire's *Victimae Paschali Laudes*, an ancient Easter chant. This work was originally an improvisation made in the earliest days of recording. You will hear two sections to the piece with a division in the middle. While the recording engineers flipped sides on the 78 record, Tournemire waited 20 or 30 minutes and then continued his improvisation.

* Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

Organ Voluntary

Trio No. 1, Op. 49, Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Anthony Topper

* Prayer of Illumination

Living God,
long ago, faithful women
proclaimed the good news
of Jesus' resurrection,
and the world was changed forever.
Teach us to keep faith with them,
that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep,
and our faith as true. Amen.

Invitatory

Members of the Chancel Choir

Venite

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God :
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth :
and the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his, and he made it :
and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship, and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God :
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* **Processional Hymn**

287 Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

* **Song of Joy**

Siyahamba

The congregation is invited to clap their hands as an embodied expression of praise.

Welcome from the Church

Inside your Order of Worship should be an FBC Connection Card. If you are visiting with us, and if you would like to learn more about our church or ways you can connect more deeply within the life of our church, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate later on in the service.

* **Greeting One Another in Grace**

You are invited to share the grace of Christ with one another.

* **Gathering Song**

Siyahamba

The Reading of the Scriptures

John 20:19-31 (pg. 883)

One: May the Spirit of Wisdom lead us to understanding.

Many: Thanks be to God.

1 John 1-2:2 (pg. 989)

One: May the Spirit of Wisdom lead us to understanding.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Offering of Our Gifts

The ministries of our church are possible because of the generous gifts you pledge in support. At this time, you are invited to give your offering, as you are able.

Offertory

The Chancel Choir

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Moment of Wonder

Children may come forward at this time. Following the Moment of Wonder, they are invited to head up to Sunday School with their teachers.

* Congregational Hymn

298 The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

Sermon

A Return to Listening

Reverend Brent Newberry

Moment of Silent Reflection

Pause for a moment of personal reflection.

* Congregational Hymn

299 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis

Partnering in Church Life

Just as we arrived this morning in faith, so too, we depart to be faithful partners in the work of God. Listen now for opportunities to connect more richly in the life of First Baptist.

Benediction

“A Gaelic Blessing,” John Rutter (1945-)

Organ Voluntary

Victimae Paschali Laudes, Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

Who We're Praying for This Week

- Brad and Lou J.
- Evelyn M.
- Kristina V.
- Dave and Deanna Waters
- Bette S.
- Gordon B.
- John Torrisi

If you or a loved one would like to be prayed for, please fill out a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate or prayer box.

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Thanks for being here!

We are so glad you worshipped together with us this morning! Thank you for being here. Each of you matters to us, and we hope to get to know you better. We are a Welcoming & Affirming Church, and a Safe Space for all people.

What that means: Who you are, and how you're created is a gift to this world and this faith community, and we celebrate the ways your life gives witness to the way of Christ in both. Maybe it's your race or nationality, your age or vocation, your sexual orientation, your gender identity, your faith background, your political affiliation or personal aspirations, you are celebrated here. You are safe here, to fully be who God has created you to be. And if you would like to partner in ministry with us, we have no doubt that your participation will make us a better faith community.

We have weekly opportunities for learning and friendship. Check out our Announcement Flyer or subscribe from our website's home page (www.fbc-worc.org) to our weekly e-newsletter on the happenings of our church.

Following our services each week, we invite you to join us in Gordon Hall for coffee and refreshments, our treat! If you're new, we'd love a chance to get to know you, and if you're a regular, well, you know what to do--make a new friend! Gordon Hall is located through the exit to your right (the pulpit side).

All-Gender Restrooms are available in the rear of the sanctuary or to the exit to your right, near Gordon Hall. If you still aren't sure of their location, ask a new friend--they'll be happy to show you the way!

Last but not least! We have connection card inserts. Fill one out and drop it in the offering plate, and our Pastor will be happy to reach out during the week to answer any questions or give you any more information about our great church!