

The First Baptist Church at Worship
Resurrection Sunday

April 24, 2011 10:30 AM

A guide to your meditation as you listen to the prelude and
prepare your minds and hearts for worship.

The proclamation of Easter Day is that all is well. And as a Christian,
I say this not with the easy optimism of one who has never known
a time when all was not well but as one how has faced the Cross
in all its obscenity as well as in all its glory, who has known
one way or another what it is like to live separated from God.
In the end, God's will, not ours, is done. Love is the victor.
Death is not the end. The end is life. His life and our lives
through him, in him. Existence has greater depths of beauty,
mystery, and benediction than the wildest visionary
ever dared to dream. Christ our Lord has risen.

Frederick Buechner
"The End Is Life"
The Magnificent Defeat

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE Gregory Land, Organist
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

We Will Glorify setting by Wyrzten-Mickelson
The Heavens Are Telling Ludwig Van Beethoven
We Shall Behold Him Dottie Rambo
setting by Wyrzten-Mickelson
Crown Him With Many Crowns George J. Elvey

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir
Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious - #220

GREETING Rev. Jim Earnest
Today salvation has come to the world. Let us sing praises to him
who rose from the dead, the author of our life. He has destroyed
death by death and has granted us the victory and great mercy.
Rejoice, O holy Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon
you! Let this place resound in joy, echoing the might song of all
God's people!

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #194 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN

Charles Wesley's "Hymn for Easter Day" was published in 1739. This well
known resurrection hymn is one that must be sung on Easter Sunday. The
combination of Wesley's words, the responsive alleluias, and the festive
music gives us a spirit of celebration in the resurrection of our Lord.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #208 He Is Lord
HE IS LORD

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

*WELCOME & PASSING OF PEACE Dr. Rodney Kennedy

(Please register your attendance by filling out a YELLOW CARD
from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag this morning.)

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand,
and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE PSALTER Sarah Burtenshaw

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love
endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my
salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the
righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand
of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." I
shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The
LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to
death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter
through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the
LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have
answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the
builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the
Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the
LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON Sarah Burtenshaw

Colossians 3:1-4: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the
things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of
God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are
on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in
God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be
revealed with him in glory.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Chancel Choir & Brass

Today the Lord Is Risen John Helgen

Trumpets: David Coggins, Ryan Gade
Trombones: James Blankenship, Andy Brough

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.
People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Glory be to you, O Lord.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #206 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
W ZLOBIE LEZY, alt.

There is some irony in that tunes to celebrate Christ's birth can be used
to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Brian Wren penned this hymn in
1984 to match the music of a well known Polish Christmas carol.
Perhaps as we celebrate Christ's resurrection we can celebrate a
rebirth of our spirituality.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Amy Radachi

(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger
Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to
Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)

CALL TO PRAYER #387 v.1 God Who Made Us ...
GALILEE

God who made us, Christ who calls us,
Breath who guides us in the Way,
Hear the humble words we whisper
As we dare to bow and pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. C. Roland Marcus
THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERMON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

“The Announcer”

The Response of God’s People

THE OFFERTORY

Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

The Holy City Stephen Adams
setting by Wyrzten-Mickelson

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#653 v.1 *Lord, You Give ...*
BEECHER

**Lord, You give the great commission:
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sarah Burtenshaw

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

#207 *Low in the Grave He Lay*
CHRIST AROSE

Well known nineteenth century preacher and hymn writer Robert Lowry was known to write most of his hymns on Sunday evenings after a full day of preaching. In 1874 he was inspired by the words of the angel at Christ’s tomb found in Luke, “He is not here, but is Risen!” Lowry wrote one of our best loved resurrection hymns.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#513 *Go Now In Peace*
EARTH AND STARS (abridged)

**Go now in peace. Worship is ending;
service begins as you go from this place.
Taught by God’s Word, safe in God’s tending,
hold to the path that will run the good race.**

*POSTLUDE

Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Festive Toccata on “Lyra Davidica” setting by Ham-Varner*



At the close of today’s service, the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in the Chapel, located in the Beaver Wing. Immediately following the Lord’s Supper, a Service of Healing will be held in the Chapel. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

Worship Notes

Welcome to Resurrection Sunday. Easter is either everything or it is nothing. Our presence here is either an exercise in self-deception or it is a celebration that we are a people “salvable” by the power of resurrection over the grave. Easter offers us a world completely changed by Jesus and the possibility of lives completely changed by Jesus. The story of Mary Magdalene touches something deep within us. The first witness to the resurrection is a woman. The first preacher of the resurrection is a woman. A more understanding, more intelligent church, would have made Mary the first bishop. But it’s Easter and the air drips with hope, power, and transformation. Easter Sunday is the principal feast of the liturgical year—the day Christians celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. The resurrection of Christ has been a focal point of Christian confession since the early church; it has always been understood to be the central witness of God’s radical action in human history. Jesus, God incarnate, went to the depths of the earth and overcame the power of death that we might have life eternal.

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Welcome to All

- ✓ **Before Worship:** Children arriving with parents or grandparents at the 9:00 Sunday School hour may go downstairs to Room 3 for activities. A reminder to parents and grandparents: please pick up your children no later than 10:15 to give everyone enough time to prepare for worship.
- ✓ **Visiting the church today?** Here’s an invitation! Please join the congregation for Coffee Fellowship immediately after the service. We hope you’ll stop by the Visitor’s Table, say hello, and meet a few members of First Baptist Church.
- ✓ If you are visiting, **please register your attendance** on a yellow information card and fill in any needs or concerns you might have. Members are also asked to sign the information card. Prayer concerns or event registrations may be marked on these cards.
- ✓ **Childcare** for infants through two years of age is available during worship and church school and is located in the West hallway. For your peace of mind, our nursery is equipped with a call-system that allows nursery caregivers to page our ushers should there be a need to contact the parents of an infant or toddler.
- ✓ All children are invited to come forward for the **Children’s Message**. Following the message the children will be led downstairs for **Sunday School**. Young children (preK–K) will go to Room #4 and children (grades 1–4) will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service. If you have questions or comments, please speak with Rev. Jason Alspaugh.



Easter Sunday Fellowship Brunch

Please join us after worship today for fellowship, coffee, and special goodies provided by the Deacons. We look forward to seeing everyone as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

First Baptist Church of Dayton

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“He Is Risen (A),” by He Qi, 2001

Our Mission Statement:

To celebrate God’s love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.

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