



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday  
April 9, 2023

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

Leader: Dear friends, I bring you the best of news. Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen!**

ALL: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## PRELUDE

*Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630*  
(Today the Son of God Triumphs)

- Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750, German)

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Again*

- Anthony Foster

Christ the Lord is ris'n again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain!

Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high,

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n again!

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n again!

## \*INVOCATION

Anna Eavy

(\* If you are able, please stand)

## \*HYMN 302 (vv. 1-4)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*EASTER HYMN*

## \*THE PSALM

from Psalm 118

Anna Eavy

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

Many: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

One: The Lord is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.

Many: **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

One: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Many: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

One: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## \*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Anna Eavy

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## \*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

Heather Entekin

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

Following Time as Children, kids (up through 5th grade) leave to hear the Easter Story. The children will join their families again following the Passing of the Peace.

## ANTHEM

*Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!*

- David Bailes  
arr. by Larry Shackley

Christ is risen today! Sing His praise, alleluia!  
He has conquered the grave. Sing His praise, alleluia!  
Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory?  
Christ is risen, sing alleluia! He is alive! He is alive!  
Jesus is risen today, He is alive! He has torn the bars away;  
death's defeated, our debt is paid. Jesus is alive, alleluia!  
Now we're risen with Him. We sing His praise, alleluia!  
Life can truly begin. Sing His praise, alleluia!  
Now we need not fear. His presence is always near.  
Christ is risen, sing alleluia. He is alive! He is alive!  
Jesus is risen today, He is alive! He has torn the bars away;  
death's defeated, our debt is paid. Jesus is alive, alleluia!  
Jesus lived to show the way. Jesus died our debt to pay.  
Jesus rose again, He lives, He reigns! He is alive! He is alive!  
Jesus is risen today, He is alive! He has torn the bars away;  
death's defeated, our debt is paid. Jesus is alive, alleluia!  
He is alive! Alleluia!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Allen Burton

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

## SERMON

*Ahead of Us*

Heather Entrekin

## SILENT REFLECTION

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Jesus Is Risen from the Dead!*

- Lloyd Larson

Jesus is risen from the dead! Jesus is risen as He said.  
Go tell the news till all have heard that Jesus Christ is ris'n today, that Jesus is risen today!  
Jesus is risen from the dead! Jesus is risen as He said.  
Go tell the news till all have heard that Jesus Christ is ris'n today, that Jesus is risen today!  
Hymns of praise, come let us sing to Christ who lives, our risen King!  
Praise to God who reigns on high! Jesus lives and so shall I!  
Jesus is risen from the dead! Jesus is risen as He said.  
Go tell the news till all have heard that Jesus Christ is ris'n today, that Jesus is risen today!  
Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Allelu! Allelu!  
Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

\*HYMN 322 (vv. 1, 3)

Up from the Grave He Arose

*CHRIST AROSE*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (see handout)     *Hallelujah Chorus*     - G.F. Handel

The Hallelujah Chorus serves as today's postlude and concludes the service.

We pray for Marlene Francis, Jill Damon, Mary Margaret Hatt, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Lauren Bowen, Grange Burnside, Graham DePriest, Fred Vanosdall, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Allison Lovell, Mia Jermano, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, Kris Ledyard Arges, and Jackie.



**We're glad you're here!** Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.

You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2) and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.

Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*

Kat Becker, *Administrator*

**Children and youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church.** All children are welcome in worship. Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available during worship for 3 year olds and younger. Following Time as Children, children (through 5th grade) are welcome to leave with Xan for an Easter story. Children will return to their families following the Passing of the Peace. If you are visiting and would like more information about our children and youth ministries, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

**Second Hour spiritual formation offerings (youth ministry, adult formation, and children's choir) are paused for today. They will resume next week.**

**Welcome Back Reception for Pastor Paul.** Join us next Sunday, April 16, during coffee time after worship as we welcome Paul back from leave.

**Join the FBCA2 church family as we go bowling after worship (12-2p) on Sunday, April 16th!** We hope many of you will be able to join this fun, intergenerational outing at Station 300. The cost for this event is \$15/person or \$30/family which will include 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop. Church is able to cover the cost of bowling as needed. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 9 at the ministry station in the hallway or online at fbca2.org/connect. Connect with Marissa Alaniz (malaniz@umich.edu) or Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) if you have questions.

**Children's Ministry Night.** Children's Ministry families gather monthly to spend time together! Mark your calendar for April 21st from 6:15-8:15p. Children will be supervised in the upstairs play space while parents gather in the Campus Center living room. Dinner will be provided for everyone. (Please add to the calendar as well.)

**Youth Movie Night.** Youth leaders will be hosting a movie night for youth group members at the church on Friday, April 21st from 7pm-9pm. We will be watching "The Prince of Egypt," and we will provide pizza and beverages. We hope to host a summer movie night for youth as well! Questions? Email Marissa Alaniz at malaniz@umich.edu.

**Lament for a Son Discussion Group.** You are invited to take part in a conversation centered on Wolterstorff's *Lament for a Son*, at 11:30a in the Lounge on April 23. Pastor Paul Duke will lead. Nicholas Wolterstorff is a well-known Christian philosopher writing not as a scholar, but as a father grieving his son. There are copies of the book available for purchase in the hallway, before and after worship today. Please note, reading the book is not required for participation. All are welcome.

**Children & Youth Sunday.** On Sunday, May 7th at 10am, FBCA2 will host our annual Children and Youth Sunday. This is a special Sunday where children and youth lead the entire worship service. Children and Youth may participate by playing piano or another instrument and/or by leading a reading or prayer. We will divvy up speaking parts so that all interested children and youth can participate in leading an element of this special service. Our rehearsal will be Sunday, April 23 from 11:20-1:00p; lunch will be provided. Parents, please fill out the form at fbca2.org/candysunday to express your child(ren)'s availability and preferred involvement level for Children & Youth Sunday.

**Lenten spiritual formation prompts are not just for Lent!** Pick up these thoughtful, meditative reflections in prose, poetry, and image in the main hallway.

**Starting on April 12, our organist Shin-Ae Chun** will be in South Korea for 3 months, visiting her parents and her brother's family. At the same time, she will be having a benign cyst removed at the hospital in Seoul where her brother, a doctor, works.

**Join us for Midweek Bible Study!** Wednesdays at 1:00p in the memorial lounge. The group is studying the Gospel of Luke, led by Dr. Astrid Beck.

**FBC Ladies' Book Club.** The next meeting of the FBC Ladies' Book Club will be Monday, April 10th at 6:30p. We will meet at the home of Mary Davis to discuss *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. All ladies are welcome! Please contact Mary Gregg or Janice Stumpf with any questions.

**Campus Ministry on Wednesdays** at 6:45p in the Campus Center living room. Subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.

Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at [fbca2.org/connect](https://fbca2.org/connect) or use the QR code to the right.



### Calendar

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| April 9  | Easter Egg Hunt @11:30a in the playground   |
| April 10 | FBC Ladies Book Club @6:30  |
| April 12 | Bible Study @1:00p in Lounge<br>The Gathering @6:45p in the Lounge  |
| April 13 | Sanctuary Choir rehearsal @7:00p  |
| April 16 | FBCA2 goes Bowling at Station 300 from 12:00-2:00p  |
| April 21 | Youth Movie Night @7:00p in the youth room.<br>Children's Ministry Night @6:15 in the Campus Center                                 |
| April 23 | Children and Youth Rehearsal at 11:20a in the upstairs play space<br>A discussion of <i>Lament for a Son</i> @11:30a in the Lounge. |
| April 24 | Faith and Poetry discussion @7:00 via Zoom  |
| April 30 | Annual Program Meeting @11:30a in the fellowship hall.  |

**Easter Lilies have been given by:**

Tom Gebhardt  
David Robbins  
Lynn Suits

**in honor of:**

my love of Betsy Foote  
Joyce Robbins  
60 years of membership at FBCA2

**Easter Lilies have been given by:**

The Alaniz Family  
  
Katherine Becker  
  
Richard Bowser  
Trudy Bradley  
  
May Cartee  
Carol & Mike Craighead  
Betty Doman  
Heather Entrekin & Peter Stover  
Betsy Foote & Tom Gebhardt  
  
Chris & Carolyn Grapentine  
  
Roberta Hause  
Bonnie & Bob Kidd  
Dana & Paul Larson  
The Miles Family  
H. Robert and Kristin Reynolds  
Nancy Rhodes and the Wright Family  
R. Sloan Simpson  
Robbie & Bill Stapleton  
Lynn Suits  
Donna Tipton  
Linda Turner  
Their Loving Family

**in memory of:**

Maria Alaniz and  
Carol & Murphy Stumpf  
Emory & Louise Eley and  
Carl & Helen Becker  
Helen Louise Bowser  
Louise & Fred Bradley and  
Stacey Simpson Duke  
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Charlotte & Willard Foote and  
Robert & Anne Gebhardt  
Carl & Ellie Grapentine and  
Marilyn Vanosdall  
Dr. Jim Hause  
Stacey Simpson Duke  
Stacey Simpson Duke  
Graham & Bonnie Miles  
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Jerry, Jim, and Kathy Suits  
Ronald Tipton  
Stacey Simpson Duke  
Burne & Phylis White

*~ Please take your Easter Lilies home after the service today ~*