

## WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome guests worshipping with us. Learning experiences for preschool children and infants are offered during the worship hour in the children's building. Large print bulletins with hymns and enhanced hearing aids are available for use in this service. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you might have. We are very glad you are here.

To learn more about the life and ministry of First Baptist Church of Asheville, guests are invited to connect with one of the ministers at the doors of the sanctuary following the service. Guests may also complete the *Connect Now* card in the bulletin and place it in the plate during the offertory. The ministry staff will be in touch in writing or by phone this week. We want to know you and share more about this congregation with you.

The season of Eastertide is a fifty day celebration of the resurrection of Jesus (sometimes referred to as "The Great Fifty Days"). The color white represents the eternal light of Christ who lives and reigns over the world.

Leaders in worship include the Adult Choir and George Bashor - deacon of the week.

You may view today's and past sanctuary worship services at [www.fbca.net](http://www.fbca.net) on the *Video* page accessed through the *Worship* tab. Audio files of sermons are available on our website, and sermons on CD may be ordered through the church office.

### MINISTRY LEADERS

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| Mr. Tate Addis       | Organist                            |
| Rev. David Blackmon  | Coordinating Pastor                 |
| Rev. Tommy Bratton   | Minister of Christian Formation     |
| Rev. Leah Brown      | Minister with Senior Adults         |
| Dr. Casey Callahan   | Minister with Students              |
| Dr. Mack Dennis      | Pastor                              |
| Rev. Eddie L. Morgan | Ministry Associate                  |
| Rev. Clark Sorrells  | Minister of Music                   |
| Rev. Karen Sorrells  | Associate Minister of Music         |
| Rev. Amy Stertz      | Minister with Children and Families |



Freedom

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Sanctuary Worship  
First Baptist Church of Asheville



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE**  
**April 15, 2018 11:00 a.m.**  
**Third Sunday of Eastertide**

Chiming of the Hour

**The Glory of God**

\*Hymn 220 *Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious* BRYN CALIFARIA

\*Invocation Clark Sorrells

With reverence of body, we lift our whole selves to you in one voice as we pray,

**We have seen the empty cross and white raiment, and indeed the sight is glorious! We have heard the sounds of joyful music and shouts of "He is risen," and our hearts are full.**

**Help us know the abundant life you have promised through the power of resurrection, and let us live according to your word in private and in public, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Experience of Wholeness**

Scriptural Reflection Karen Sorrells

Why do the nations say, "Where is your God?" Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see; they have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell; they have hands, but do not feel. (Ps 115: 2,4-7)

**From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is known among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to me my name is glorified and made great. (Mal 1:11)**

An angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. (Rev 8:3-4)

**I call upon you, O Lord, come quickly to me, give ear to my voice. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you. (Ps 141:1-2a)**

***Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph 5:1-2)***

\*Sharing Peace Casey Callahan

\*Hymn of Gratitude 341 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

**The Gospel of Truth**

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 24:36b-48 Charlyne Boyette

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Open Thou Mine Eyes* John Rutter

Brooke Eichenlaub, soprano

*Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire;  
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.*

O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else,  
No other, nought else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments,  
In truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.

Sermon *A Feast for the Senses* Mack Dennis

**The Response of Faith**

Prayers of the People David Blackmon

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Response 395 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

Response through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from who all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below. *O praise him, Alleulia!*  
Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

\*Prayer of Dedication George Bashor

Opportunities for Continued Response

Postlude *Finale* from *Symphony no. 4* Charles Marie Widor  
Benediction

\*Those who are able will stand.