

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome guests worshipping with us. We are very glad you have joined us for this experience.

To learn more about the life and ministry of First Baptist Church of Asheville, guests are invited to visit fbca.net. There you will find contact information for the church and ministerial staff. Please feel free to be in touch with any questions or needs you might have. 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 Parker Young - deacon of the week.

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You may view today's and past sanctuary worship services at 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

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

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide
First Baptist Church of Asheville



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

TRINITY CHIME

PRAISE GOD

*HYMN OF PRAISE 223 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

*INVOCATION David Blackmon

Resurrected One, today we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,
Reveal your saving love to us, dear Lord, and show us the power of our baptism. May we seek to understand your call to us through our worship, the study of scripture and faithful service year upon year. Open our hearts so that we, like you, may make a way for everyone to live the abundant life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CELEBRATE SERVICE

CELEBRATION OF MEMBERSHIP Leah Brown

50 year members in 2020

Janet Anderson
Carole Cotter
Myra Garrett
Dale Rusk
Bobbie Short
James Short
Betty Towery

50 year members in 2021

Ann Teel
Charles Wykle

75 year member in 2021

Marianne Wilson

SHARE PEACE

*SHARING PEACE

*HYMN OF FAITH 622 *He Lives* ACKLEY

PROCLAIM TRUTH

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8:26-40

Betty Towery

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

ANTHEM *Jesus Is All the World to Me* arr. Manuel

Jude Gotrich, soprano and Anne Raybon, mezzo-soprano

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall.
When I am sad, to him I go. No other one can cheer me so.
When I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end.
Eternal life, eternal joy, he's my friend.

SERMON *A Way in for Everyone* Mack Dennis

COMMIT LIFE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 565 *God of Past, Who By Your Spirit* HYFRYDOL

RESPONSE THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *In the Garden* arr. Mark Hayes

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Parker Young

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED SERVICE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Count Your Blessings* arr. Dan Miller

*Those who are able will stand.