

Easter tide

2019

*So let us keep the festival
whereto the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all,
the Sun that warms and lights us.
By his grace he doth impart
eternal sunshine to the heart;
the night of sin is ended!*

Alleluia!

**The First Baptist Church
Henderson, North Carolina**



Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

The liturgical color today is white. White is the color of purity and is reserved for the most important celebrations of the church. Today we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection and ultimate triumph over death.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

THE MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Andy Dickerson

THE GREETING

John Sigmon

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

John Sigmon

THE PRELUDE *“Andante espressivo” from Three Liturgical Preludes* George Oldroyd

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 23) (Congregation standing)

John Sigmon

LEADER: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

ALL: And gives us refreshment of soul.

LEADER: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

ALL: So that the name of God will be glorified.

LEADER: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,

ALL: For the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

LEADER: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

ALL: And we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 104 *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Amy Russell

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind.

So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 23 *The Lord is My Shepherd* Paul Creston

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 10:22-30 (NT p90) Keith Pearson

THE GLORIA 416 WESTMINSTER ABBEY

7th Century Latin Hymn
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry Purcell, 1659-1695, adapt.

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son,
 Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, Ev - er three and ev - er one!
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, While e - ter - nal a - ges run.

Four- and five-year-olds may depart for Children's Church.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Acts 9:36-43 (NT p112)

THE SERMON

ACTS of a Godly Woman

Ronald Cava

THE HYMN

God of the Women

SLANE


Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1963-

SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1874-1948

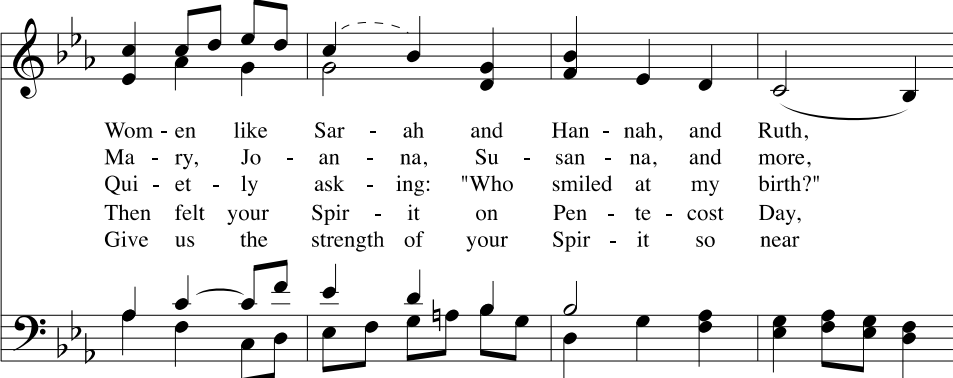
Unison



1. God of the wom - en who an - swered your call,
2. God of the wom - en who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wom - en long put to the test,
4. God of the wom - en who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and min - is - ters all,



Trust - ing your prom - is - es, giv - ing their all,
Giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,
Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,
May we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



Wom - en like Sar - ah and Han - nah, and Ruth,
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - na, and more,
Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"
Then felt your Spir - it on Pen - te - cost Day,
Give us the strength of your Spir - it so near

Give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
 May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
 In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
 May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.
 That we may share in your min - is - try here.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Tammy Hight

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Has No Hands but Ours

Tom Porter

Christ has no hands but ours to reach, to touch, to heal, to welcome in community, to fashion family. Christ has no hands but ours.

As servants of our God we carry out the call to walk the road where saints have trod and bring good news to all. Christ has no hands but our.

We see with eyes of faith that still would follow stars. As points of light, we point the way and chase away the dark. Christ has no hands but ours.

God waters from above the good seed that we sow, and brings to harvest all our work so that the church will grow. Christ has no hands but ours.

Marked with the cross of Christ, we, as a witness, are sent forth to be the Gospel, for Christ has no hands but ours.

- Tom Porter

AT THE PRESENTATION: The Doxology 424

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.4.4.8.8, with Alleluias
 Melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1623
 Harm. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. O praise him,
 O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE CALL TO COMMITMENT

Ronald Cava

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE 262

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE

THE BENEDICTION

Amy Russell

THE CHORAL AMEN

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude and Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude

Assisting with worship leadership today are Deacon of the Week John Sigmon and Keith Pearson. Molly Greenway opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Will White. Acolytes are Banks Kirby and Davis Faulkner.

Music for this morning's service is offered by tenor Andy Dickerson and the Chancel Choir.

The Call to Worship this morning is adapted from the Lectionary Sermons Worship Resources and is used with permission.

The Prayer of Confession this morning is by Beth Merrill Neel and is used with permission.

Cover art is by Jan McDaniel.

The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles and Ruth Crawley and in honor of my children and grandchildren by Judy Bass.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has provided shawls in the back of the Sanctuary. Should you need physical warmth or spiritual comfort, please borrow one for today's service.

Opportunities for Worship and Service

SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Finance Committee Meeting	Library
	9:15	Pre-Sunday School Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:45	Sue Kelly Library open	
	9:45	Sunday School	
	11:00	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	The Bell Ringers Home Concert	Sanctuary
MONDAY	1:30 PM	Library Committee Work Day	Library
TUESDAY	3:15 PM	Children's After-School Programs-Preschoolers and Grades 1-3	
	5:00	Pickup for Preschool	Mission Friends Room
	5:15	Pickup for Children in Grades 1-3	Wyche Street
WEDNESDAY	3:15 PM	Children's After-School Programs -Grades 4-6	
	5:30	Hotdog Supper	Fellowship Hall
	6:30	Children's Programs End-of-Year Celebration	Sanctuary
THURSDAY	5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
FRIDAY	The Bell Ringers Spring Tour – Wilmington, NC		
SATURDAY	The Bell Ringers Spring Tour – Wilmington, NC		

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