

First Baptist Church of Greensboro
The Worship of God
Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022



I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even if they die, will live.
—John 11.25

Ukrainian Easter Egg

Steeple Bells 10:30 am

Christ Candle Patrick Whitehead

Opening the Bible Evelyn Wall

Voluntary Rev. Doug Vancil *organ*
“*Fanfare for Easter*” Jack H. Ossewaarde

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.”

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

—Acts 5.25-32

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Responsive Reading Terri Vancil

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

**and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those
who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**

—Revelation 1.4-8

†Hymn of Praise 235

"Low in the Grave" CHRIST AROSE

Words of Friendship Rev. Buck Cochran

A Family Covenanting Autumn Culbreth and Rev. Sherouse
Robin and Iris Rings, children of Kinsey and Bryce Rings

Musical Interlude

"Now the Green Blade Rises" NOËL NOUVELET

Prayer of God's People Rev. Chris Cherry

Scripture Lesson Rev. Cherry

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn 248

"He Lives" ACKLEY

Stewardship Prayer Penny Rowe, deacon

Choral Offering Sanctuary Choir

"Emerald Stream" An anthem for Earth Day

*Come now and gather in the glade where the emerald stream
and the evening shade and meditate on the works he's made,
Great God our sovereign Lord.*

*Join us now, the meadow is green, and the water pure and the woods serene,
and the flowing air is fresh and clean where God his blessing pours.*

*Feel the wind come down, hear it whistle as it goes,
it brings us sun and it brings us snows, it blows a blessing from above.*

*And the sun comes up and the sun goes down
and the stars and the moon go round and round, in witness to his love.*

*Hear now ye sons of men, for danger lurks in this great garden,
the Lord will visit once again to see what we have done.*

*As God is the Shepherd and we are the sheep we our mother Earth must keep,
maintain the air, protect the deep; at Judgement Day he'll come.*

*See the Lord come down, hear Him whistle as he goes,
He bears a thunderbolt and a rose, he goes, remember all his power.*

*See the Lord come down, face shining bright,
His holy feet are soiled but His robe is white, shines bright,
you will regret that hour.*

*So now, my people be ware you're in charge of the seas
and the Earth and the air.
You'd better take extraordinary care of the Earth, our only home.*

*All glory be to God on high, shout praises loudly to the sky.
Listen to the Earth and hear her cry, and in heaven forever roam.*

—Seth Houston, 1991 Northern Harmony

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

Closing Voluntary Rev. Vancil organ

"Finale" from Symphony I, Louis Vierne

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