

A Service of Worship & Communion

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Please pick up Communion in the Narthex before Worship

Gathering for Worship

Prelude *Toccata mexicana* Stamm
Baxter Jennings, organist

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

*Call to Worship *Sing Praise to the Father* TO GOD
Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul, for the grace that that redeems, for the love that makes whole;
O come and adore him, his glories proclaim, and worship before him- the Lord is his name!

*Invocation & Lord's Prayer Dr. Grammer
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn 588 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 22:25-31 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson Acts 8:26-40
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Pastor Libby & Mrs. Becky
After Children's Worship, children ages 5 and under are invited to join our nursery workers for age-appropriate children's church.

Giving from our Abundance

Solo *Come Share the Lord* LEECH
William Underwood, Bass

*Please stand as you are able

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Interpreting the Scriptures

Sermon *Radical Inclusion* Dr. Grammer

Celebrating Communion

Confession (*in unison*) Dr. Grammer

God, we come to your table of forgiveness and inclusion and confess that we have not always been willing to see past our own prejudice against those you call children. We pray now that you would cleanse our hearts of unwillingness to see people the way you see them. Help us as we partake of your sacrificial meal to change our ways and love like you love us.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

We give you thanks, God, that you welcomed us when we were not worthy of such grace, and we thank you for second chances to offer that same grace to others. Amen.

Responding to God

*Hymn 44 *Great Is The Lord* GREAT IS THE LORD

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response 708 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Postlude *Awake, My Heart!* arr. Manz

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Easter Sunday was the beginning of the season of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life.

Prayer Reminder

CHURCH FAMILY: John Abbott, Alice Bowman, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, Ann Draper, John Fulcher, Mary Frances Gibbs, Jean Gray, Smitty & Ann Grogan, Marie Lannom, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Jane Mize, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-In Person/Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship-In-person/Virtual

1:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Zoom

Monday, May 3

10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

Tuesday, May 4

5:30 p.m. Sound Team Training

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Zoom

Wednesday, May 5

5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsal-Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Midweek Check-in-Zoom

Thursday, May 6

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Peter-Zoom

8:00 p.m. Journey Small Group-Zoom

May Birthdays: 1 Linda Gale, 6 Dathne Barbour, Ron Wilson, 7 Helen Hensley, 12 Gayle Williams, 14 Irene Simpson, 15 Marsha Garren, 18 Margaret Lester, 24 Wes Barrow, 29 William Baptist, 30 Bill Sapp, 31 June Pace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Training for our Sound or A/V Team?

Contact the church office and come to the training, Tuesday, May 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Deacons of the Month

Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

May Deacons of the Month: Nancy Thomas and Darnell Cockram

Grace Network April-June 2021 Food Assignment

Corn 15 oz. (whole or creamed)
Please drop the food off at the church.

Lee Lester Scholarship Fund

Congratulations to Kelcie Lemons, who was recently awarded a 2021 Lee Lester Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000. Kelcie will graduate from Magna Vista High School this spring and plans to enter Radford University in the fall. Kelcie is Bobby and Linda Moore's great-niece.

Sunday School Resumes In-Person!

Starting today, Sunday School will be meeting in-person in Room 105 at 9:30 a.m. We will also continue to use Zoom for those unable to be with us in person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D...

FBC Music Program Returns!

Calling all musicians (singers and instrumentalists) ...hope you're ready to practice and make some music together! If you can carry a tune or play any instrument and want to do so in worship to God, you are welcome to come join with us! Rehearsals are Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, come join us!

Can you Paint? Come help us!

Our church's first floor has been getting a facelift but we still need to finish painting the church office hallways, the chapel hallway, the fellowship hall entry hallway, the children's library, and the parlor. Call or email the church office to let us know if you can help.

Reminder that the Sue Martin McCabe Library is online!

A link to the online library database is available on the church website at www.fbcmartinsville.com/mccabe-library or <https://mckh-ind.skathi.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

Don't have internet? Contact Librarian Dottie Lewis at 276-252-6836 to place your request. A library volunteer will put together your request and you will be called for a curbside pick-up.

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Jim Wilkins by Nancy Wyatt. BEREAVEMENT: A gift has been given in memory of Nancy Canupp, Annie Lee Ferrell, Jim Rothrock, and Gene Medley by Becky L. Stone. MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A gift has been given in memory of Gene Medley by Martinsville Cemetery Association. A gift has been given in memory of David Doss by Herb & Ruth Anne Collins.

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are #yourcitychurch in Martinsville...

A diverse community of believers coming from many Christian traditions to worship, learn, and grow together as followers of Jesus.

Serving God in our church, our community, and the world by investing our energy and resources to living like Jesus called us to live — in service to God and neighbor.

Growing and Changing our ministries to include more variety in our vision so as to meet the needs of our community. Come GROW with us!

If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here.

Come and see what God is doing among us as we worship and serve in Christ's name.

Want to know more? Contact our Pastor: libby@fbcmartinsville.com or 276-632-6336.



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Mission Statement:

The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Consistent with the Great Commission, we will share our spiritual gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.

EASTERTIDE

*Hymn 558 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never-more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Hymn 44 *Great Is The Lord* GREAT IS THE LORD

Refrain

*Great is the Lord he is holy and just;
by his power we trust in his Love.*

*Great is the Lord he is faithful and true
by his mercy he proves he is love.*

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Refrain

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, And worthy of praise.
Great are you Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!