

Christian Service of Worship

Easter Sunday March 27, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

*indicates for those who are able to stand

We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

One: Christ is Risen!

Many: He is risen indeed!

*Passing of the Peace of Christ
(As the risen Christ greeted his beloved disciples with the greeting, "Christ is risen!"
let us now turn and greet one another in mutual love.)

Prelude O Sons and Daughters A. Guilmant

*Entrance Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 216

*Call to Worship (1 Corinthians 15:20) Tumara Jackson

One: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

One: "...in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who
have died".

Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Tumara Jackson

Loving, life-giving God, We joyously come before you bringing
our songs of praise, our alleluias, our new clothes and shiny shoes, and
our worship. We have journeyed through weeks of trying to know you
better, to understand your purpose for our lives in a new, creative way.
We have listened to Jesus' words. We have grieved his betrayal and
death. But, today, you have fulfilled our wildest hopes with a reality
almost beyond believing. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed.

*Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

We Receive and Respond to the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Tumara Jackson

Luke 24: 1-12 (Pew Bible NT Page 90)

Acts 10: 34-43 (Pew Bible NT Page 129)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem The Trumpets Shall Sound on Easter Morn Lantz

Children's Focus on Faith Pastor
Children welcome, in the name of Jesus. Children welcome, in the name of love.
All are welcome, in the name of Jesus. All are welcome, in the name of love.

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community Rev. Lynn Trapp

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Lynn Trapp

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.

Choral Anthem To the Lamb on the Throne D. Forrest

Sermon " Jesus' Gift" Pastor

Invitation to Discipleship Pastor
(You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith,
or by renewal of the vows of your baptism. Please come forward during the hymn.)

*Hymn of Invitation Thine Is the Glory 218

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Offertory Music We Praise Thee, God F. Peeters

*Doxology (Hymn of Praise) Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 46
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer Barbara Sims-King

Communion Hymn In the Garden 227

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Rev. Lynn Trapp and Tumara Jackson
(Christ invites you to partake of Holy Communion. As part of the one body of Christ, we
welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You may partake of the Bread as
it is passed and hold the Cup, or you may hold both elements so that we may partake of
Holy Communion together.)

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

One: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord
Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had
given thanks, He broke it, and said,

Many: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of
me."

One: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

Many: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as
you drink it, in remembrance of me."

One: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the
Lord's death until He comes.

Prayer of Commission
God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.

We Are Led Out By the Spirit

*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Christ Arose!</i>	224
*Benediction		Pastor
Postlude	<i>The Strife is Over</i>	G. Young

Welcome home! We are delighted that you are here today. Please fill out the Visitor/Member Card so we may have a record of your participation.

If you wish for a prayer joy or concern to be shared aloud during worship, please complete the back of the card now. Deacons collect prayer cards before our pastoral prayer. If your prayer request is confidential or you simply do not want it shared aloud, you may place your card in the offering plate alongside our collective tithes and offerings. On Monday morning our Prayer Ministry will lift up to God your prayer requests.

We kindly request that, unless you are on-call for professional reasons, all cell phones and electronic devices be turned off during worship. Thank you.

The Holy Scriptures for today may be found printed in the bulletin insert.

Ministers: All the People Your Church Staff: The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert, <i>Senior Pastor</i> William E. Garner, <i>Director of Music</i> Rev. Barbara Sims-King, <i>Dir. of Christian Education</i> Kathy Westbrook, <i>Church Organist</i> Sherry Davis, <i>Church Administrator</i> Ron Smith, <i>Custodian</i> Ralph Freeman ,Jr., <i>Trumpeter</i> Isaiah Bell, <i>Trumpeter</i> Your Volunteer Wedding Coordinator: Diana Blake, <i>Wedding Coordinator</i> Continental Breakfast Mar. 27: Yolanda Lewellyn	Easter Sunday March 27, 2016 Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert Holy Scriptures: Luke 24: 1-12; Acts 10:34-43 Elders: Rev. Lynn Trapp and Tumara Jackson Deacons: Pat Oliffe, Robbin Brown, Pat Marriott Second Sunday of Easter April 3, 2016 Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert Holy Scriptures: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118: 14-29, Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20: 19-31 Elders: Yolanda Lewellyn and Tom Rosenberger Deacons: Jasmine Heath, Peggy Norton, Sandra Brundage
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Welcome Home!

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Resolve to Love, Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Break Bread Together