



Rowan LeCompte (American, 1925–2014) and Irene Matz LeCompte (American, 1926–1970),  
Third Station of the Resurrection: The Walk to Emmaus (detail), 1970. Mosaic, Resurrection  
Chapel, National Cathedral, Washington, DC. Photo: Victoria Emily Jones

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Deacon Ordination**

## **Welcome to worship with the First Baptist Church of Christ.**

Whatever road has brought you here and wherever you should go once we depart, know that you are welcome in this space fully and completely, and that the image of God we all bear together this hour is more complete because you are here as a part of it.

### **Things to Know**

Masks are now optional on the church campus. We understand there are those within the congregation who will need or want to continue to wear masks, and we will continue to keep masks around the church for those who may want to use them.

Restrooms can be found through the double doors on the side near the elevator, one flight of stairs up or one flight down.

### **For Those With Children**

Thank you for bringing a child to worship! Take a deep breath and know they are welcome here. Parents with infants are more than welcome to remain in the sanctuary, or ushers can direct you down the back stairs to a comfortable room with sound from the sanctuary so all can still hear the service. A nursery is provided for children younger than 3. Preschoolers (age 3-Kindergarten) are invited to leave after “Let the Children Come” for our W.O.W. (Working on Worship) experience.

### **For Those with Special Needs**

Thank you for joining us for worship! We love our historic buildings, but know they can be a challenge for those with mobility needs. Know that we are committed to doing all we can to make this space welcoming to everyone. Reserved seating for those in wheel chairs and those sitting with them is found near the elevator, and is marked with signs on the walls and on the back of the pews. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher for assistance. If you have special hearing needs, please ask one of the ushers to bring you a hearing assistance device from the sound booth in the back, or feel free to go back there and get one. An accessible restroom is located up one floor across from the office. If you, or someone with you, requires special assistance for any reason, please find a minister or an usher.

## THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Sounding of the Hour

Anne Armstrong

*Andrew Fuller, acolyte*

The Prelude

“Trumpet Tune in F”  
*Anne Armstrong, organ*

Michael Helman

The Call to Worship

Christ is risen, alleluia!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

The women found the tomb was empty. The angels told them to remember what Jesus told them, and it changed everything.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

Jesus appeared to two of them on the road, though they could not see it. He told them of the Scriptures and how they bear testimony to the love of God that is stronger than death.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

They invited him to stay with them and in the breaking of bread they recognized his face.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

Christ is risen, alleluia!

**Praise be to the One who meets us at the table! Praise be to the One in whom all people find a home.**

\*The Hymn of Praise 210

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

DUKE STREET

**I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule His church in love.**

**He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!**

**He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What comfort this assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

\*The Invocation

JD Granade

\*The Gloria Patri 705

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.**

The Welcome

Scott Dickison

### **THE OFFERING OF GIFTS**

\*The Hymn of Offertory 203

Day of Arising

BUNESSAN

**Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
Unknown companion walks with His own.  
When they invite Him, as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**

**When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
Blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
Yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting  
Our invitation: stay, do not part.**

**Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.  
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
When the church gathers, when bread is broken,  
There Christ is with us in bread and wine.**

**Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,  
Bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us Your vision, set all hearts burning  
That all creation with You may rise.**

The Offertory Prayer

Kerri Thompson  
Deacon of the Week

The Offertory Anthem

“No Hands But Yours”  
*The Chancel Choir*

J. Jerome Williams

**Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.**

Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582)

\*The Offertory Response 341

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint

## THE OFFERING OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Chris Kirby

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that

they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

For the Good News of God,

**Thanks be to God**

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Scott Dickison

**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 and ever, Amen.**

## **A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS**

Charge to Congregation and Deacons

Scott Dickison

The Presentation of Deacons to be Installed and Ordained

Harriet Eason

### **Deacons to be Ordained**

Jody Long  
Julie Long  
Jennifer Medgull  
Monica Stevens-Kirby

### **Deacons to be Installed**

Fred Bongiovanni  
Dee Bratcher  
Richard Green  
Mary Leonard  
Eric Spears

The Covenant of Commitment

Harriet Eason

Deacon Chair: To you who have been called by God through this congregation to the office of deacon, do you promise, with God as your helper, to faithfully serve God and this congregation? If so, will you answer, We do?

New Deacons: We do.

Deacon Chair: To you who have called them, do you promise, as God as your helper, to faithfully support these whom have accepted the call to serve our congregation? If so, will you answer, We will?

Congregation: **We will.**

The Prayer of Ordination

Harriet Eason

To you, O God, we offer these chosen to serve as deacons. By your Holy Spirit give them that grace whereby they may fulfill with devotion the duties and opportunities of their calling. Grant them wisdom to administer with integrity the ministries of this congregation. May they be open to all human need, especially the needs of the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the sorrowing, the fearful and the lonely, and those who find life's burdens too heavy to bear. To this service and in the name of the One who came not to be served but to serve, Jesus Christ, we set them apart as your servants and as leaders in this congregation. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands and Blessing of Ordination

Musical Meditation

Monica Fenimore, piano

## THE OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

\*The Hymn of Commitment 232 Holy Spirit, Come Upon Me

JOYFUL SINGING

**Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your perfect peace.  
Free me from the fears that bind me, from my worries bring release.  
As a dove, You come from heaven. Stay here now; abide in me.  
Teach me how to trust more fully, everlasting mystery.**

**Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your presence pure.  
Let me feel You all around me, hold me with Your love secure.  
As a flame, You come from heaven. Stay here now, burn bright in me.  
Teach me how to trust more fully, everlasting mystery.**

**Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your mighty power.  
Let me feel You all around me, hold me with Your love secure.  
As a wind, You come from heaven. Stay here now, breath life in me.  
Teach me how to live more fully, everlasting mystery.**

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

The Congregational Response “May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Lee Turner

**May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind blow at your back  
May the sun shine warmly on your face  
May the rain fall soft upon your field  
And until we meet again, (until we meet again)  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen**

Postlude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”  
*Anne Armstrong, organ*

arr. Anna Laura Page



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## Wednesday Night Supper Menu

*Note: New meal pricing will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$24 max per family.*

**April 27:** Ham/bacon/salmon biscuits, cheesy scramble, buttery grits and yogurt or fresh fruit

## Senior Voice Recital

Caroline Cooke, soprano  
In senior voice recital  
Mercer university, Fickling hall  
April 25, 6:00 pm  
All are invited!

## Men's Retreat, April 29–May 1

Cloudland Canyon State Park

Men's Retreat returns! After a two-year hiatus, we will once again gather for a weekend of communing with each other and with creation. We will return to Cloudland Canyon State Park, staying in the group lodge. All ages and comfort levels in the outdoors welcome and valued. Cost is \$50. Sign up on the FBCX website. or scan the QR code above.



## Women's Book Club

May 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the home of Sharon Bailey, 538 Byars Dr. We have selected "The Woman's Hour" by Elaine Weiss. Reviews describe the book as inspirational, intriguing, a page turner, and ripe for book club discussion. Anita Gustafson and Shereé Keith have agreed to co-lead the discussion. These two ladies have unique knowledge and

experiences with the book and the subject. We are in for a treat!

## Choral Society of Middle Georgia and Mercer University Choir present, "The Peace of Wild Things"

Stanley L. Roberts, conductor  
Sunday, May 1, 4:00 pm in the FBCX sanctuary  
The Choral Society of Middle Georgia and Townsend School of Music at Mercer University present this musical tapestry where human emotion connects to the natural world, inspired by the poetry of poet-farmer, Wendell Berry. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online.

## Hannah Service, Thursday, May 5, 6:30pm

Mother's Day can be difficult. As much as we celebrate the gift of mothers in our lives, this day can bring feelings of grief for some people. We will offer a Hannah Service on Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. This service is a space to gather with those who know the grief of infertility, miscarriage, death of an infant or child, adoption loss, death of a mother, and family estrangement. The Hannah Service is for people who grieve in these ways and loved ones who want to support them. We will offer space to lament and speak honestly about our grief, as well as offer hope and comfort to one another.

## **Sanctuary Flowers**

Would you like to honor someone or a special event? You can do this by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers on a Sunday. The following dates are open for the next three months: May 29; June 5, 12 and 26; and July 3, 24 and 31. To sign up, contact Mary Leonard.

## **CHILDREN'S NEWS**

### **Save the Dates**

June 20-24: VBS

July 17-20: PassportKids Camp (3-5 grades)

## **YOUTH NEWS:**

### **Pickleball Clinic with Paul Midkiff**

Thursday, May 26th at 6:00 at Tattall Square Park

### **Save the Date**

**May 15:** Graduate Recognition Sunday

**June 4:** Macon Bacon Game

**June 5-10:** Appalachian Mission Immersion

**July 18-23:** Passport Camp

## Signs of the Season

The paraments on the pulpit and Communion table are visual reminders of the current season of the church year. The color red is used for occasions of ordination and installation, as it symbolizes the Holy Spirit. Red indicates a celebration of newness, of recreation, and of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people.

## Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers are given by Sharon and Al Bailey in loving memory of her parents, Roy and Marion O'Neal, upon their wedding anniversary, May 2, 1942. They enjoyed almost 64 happy years together!

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