



**Seventh & James Baptist Church**  
**March 31, 2024 · 11:00 a.m.**  
**Easter**



**Choral Summons**

“Sing Out With Joy!”

Mark Patterson

**CHORISTERS**

Jim Williams, *piano*

Lorie Crowder and Pat Hynan, *percussion*

**Processional Hymn, No. 194**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”  
*(Choristers Hymn-of-the-Month for March)*

**Litany of Alleluias**

Tammie Hartgroves

One: Christ the Lord is risen today!

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: We offer up our glad Alleluias this morning for your victory over death and all it means for us. The imprint of eternity is pressed into our souls like the fingerprint of a sculptor into her clay. Help us to live these temporal lives with eternity in mind.

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: We sing and shout your praise for the many blessings you bountifully bestow on our lives and in our shared life together. We thank you for Easter joy bouncing through our hearts all year long.

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: We even offer our praise from the shadows. Those of us for whom this light isn't shining bear witness to your presence with us in the darkness of our struggle. For we see your love on the cross as well as outside of the empty tomb. We feel you in our long nights as well as our bright mornings.

**Many: Alleluia!**

**All: Ever-present, eternally loving, gracefully forgiving, light of the world, may our glad alleluias echo into eternity!**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Tammie Hartgroves

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

Suzanne Alcorn

**Epistle Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Lloyd Alcorn

**Hymn, No. 197**

“We Welcome Glad Easter”

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 16:1-8*

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of God’s People**

Matt Rosencrans

**Offertory**

“Lord of the Dance”

Shaker melody  
arr. Joel Raney

Donnie Balmos, *piano*  
Lydia Bratcher, *organ*

*During the offertory, we invite you to prayerfully consider your stewardship of all the resources God is entrusting to you. The work of God at Seventh & James is dependent on the financial generosity and volunteer service of its members and friends. Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship. Join us as you respond to God’s call.*

**Doxology**

*(sung to LASST UNS ERFREUEN, tune of “All Creature of Our God and King,” No. 307)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Children’s Sermon**

Leslie Rosencrans

*All children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Sermon.  
Preschoolers [ages 4-kindergarten] may then go to Extended Session.*

**Responsive Reading of Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Scott Turner

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Many: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

One: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**Many: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

One: The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

**Many: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

One: The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**Many: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

One: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**Many: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## **Anthem**

### “Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Robert Sterling

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I, whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

## **Sermon**

### “The End Is Just the Beginning” *(Mark 16:1-8)*

Erin Conaway

## **Silent Reflection**

O God of beginnings, as your Spirit moved over the face of the deep on the first day of creation, move with me now in my time of beginnings, when the air is rain-washed, the bloom is on the bush, and the world seems fresh and full of possibilities, and I feel ready and full.

I tremble on the edge of a maybe...

**Hymn of Commitment, No. 223**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ  
or request membership in this congregation, our ministers  
will greet you at the front of the sanctuary.*

**Congregational Response**

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God’s grace. Amen.

**Pastoral Blessing**

Erin Conaway

One: Christ is Risen!

**Many: He is Risen Indeed!**

One: Alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Choral Response**

“Savior, King!”

Katie Houts

**CHORISTERS**

Jim Williams, *piano*

**Postlude**

“Toccata” from *Symphonie No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

# Today at Seventh

## Children's Handbell Choir

Dillan Damping  
Ava Farris  
Eri Hatakeyama  
Robin Land

Audrey Ludwig  
Ezriela Martinez  
Comfort Michael  
Avery Poehls

Chloe Smith  
Edward Smith  
Wesley Zuniga

## Choristers

Dillan Damping  
Ava Farris  
Sefton Farris  
Eri Hatakeyama  
Jun Hatakeyama

Robin Land  
Audrey Ludwig  
Ezriela Martinez  
Keziah Martinez  
Comfort Michael

Avery Poehls  
Julianna Rios  
Chloe Smith  
Edward Smith  
Wesley Zuniga

**Our Instrumentalists today** are Donnie Balmos, *piano*; Phillip Lowe, *French horn*; and Martin Davenport, *trombone*.

**The Artwork on the Cover** is a portion of the *Stations of the Cross* colored by the Youth Group at Seventh & James and displayed in 2022.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given in gratitude for the beautiful and inspiring Palm Sunday Worship Service from a homebound member.

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