The Worship of God

Sunday, April 01, 2018

Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day – When Hope Got Released

Easter and April Fool's Day on the same day? On Friday, the world was laughing as this joke of a Messiah hung helplessly from a cross. But not so fast.... On Easter Sunday, God has the last laugh on Caesar, Pilate, the crowd, Chief Priests, and all hopelessness. The joke was on death itself which could not silence such love. He came back! It is Easter, no fooling. The joke is on those who doubt how God could take a cross and tomb and turn them into Easter hope, or take nails and use them to heal us.
The Lord is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

Mark 16:1-8

Prelude *Lift High the Lord Our Banner* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome Mike Greenfield

Time of Greeting *O Praise the Name*

Procession and Lighting of the Christ Candle The Alexander Family

At the Maundy Thursday Service, the Christ Candle was removed from the sanctuary, symbolizing Jesus' death on the cross and burial in the tomb. Today the Christ Candle returns, symbolizing the Lord is risen and nothing, not even death, could overcome the Light of the world.

Congregational Call to Worship CH 367
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Morning Prayer Mike Greenfield

Children's Sermon Becky Tucker

Songs of Worship *Worthy Is the Lamb*
Resurrection Hymn

God's Eternal Word for Us *Mark 16:1-8* Adrienne Morgan
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Sean Morgan

Offertory *Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)* Sanctuary Choir

Message from God's Word Phil Christopher
Easter - More than a day - It's Dangerous.

Invitation *At The Cross (Love Ran Red)*

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions C. V. Blake

Benediction *Because He Lives (Amen)*

Postlude *Lift High the Lord Our Banner* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano