

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA**

(Recorded in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary April 15, 2020.)

April 19, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship Psalm 16
Matt DuVall

Hymn of the Resurrection "Because He Lives"

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus.
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future
and life is worth the living, just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
and feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance
this child can face uncertain days, because He lives.

Together, We Connect. Jason, Kelly, Bradley, Matthew and Ben Sanker

Reading of Holy Scripture..... John 20:19-31
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Moments for Children. Kristen Pope

Morning Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer). John Uldrick
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.

Musical Offering..... Women's Ensemble
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" ...arr. Claude Bass
Mary Donahue, Jordan Rowan Fannin, Ashley Garner, Erin Hall,
Becky McCord, Nancy Ratcliffe, Gwen Stephens, Kara Truitt
(Recorded September 29, 2019)

Sermon..... Matt DuVall
"A Full Profession"

Hymn of Response "Trust and Obey"

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word,
what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way;
what He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]*

Offertory Prayer Tamara Tillman Smathers

Offertory Keith Reaves, piano

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ...arr. Gail Ann Wasson

Meditation Text:

How do we find the faith to believe the story of Easter, Jesus?
How do we grasp its truth?
We can only accept it;
refusing to reduce it to scientific debate
or historical literalism
kneeling with humility and awe beside the blood-stained cross
and the empty grave;
For then, we are your witnesses.
How do we understand the mystery of your death and life, Jesus?
How do we explain it?
We can only live it;
allowing it to permeate every grain
of this sand that forms us,
every thought, every priority, every act and every interaction;
For then we are your witnesses,
and you deserve nothing less from us.
Amen.

~John van de Laar

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude Rev. Reaves

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

**"Prayers and Reflections" are offered by the ministers Monday-Saturday
on the church website and the church Facebook page.**