



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAFAYETTE

**Prelude** "In the Garden" Miles/Mier  
Melanie Manges, piano

**Welcome to Worship** Charles Gullion

**Hymn of Praise** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" #414

*(Verse 1)* I know that my Redeemer lives!

What joy this blest assurance gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;

He lives, my ever living Head!

*(Verse 2)* He lives triumphant from the grave;

He lives eternally to save;

He lives exalted, throned above;

He lives to rule his church in love.

*(Verse 4)* 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!

**Call to Worship\*** Charles Gullion

How do we find the faith to believe the story of Easter, Jesus?

**How do we grasp its truth?**

We can only accept it;

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\* "Witnesses" Call to Worship written by John van de Laar, <https://sacredise.com/>

**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.**

Let us worship Holy God. Amen.

**Children's Sermon**

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood

**Hymn of Devotion**

"In the Garden"

#300

*(Verse 1)* I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;

And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the son of God discloses.

*(Refrain)* And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,

And the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

*(Verse 2)* He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,

And the melody that he gave to me with in my heart is ringing.

*(Refrain)* And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,

And the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

**Invitation to Prayer**

Rev. Hood

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Bradbury/Bober

Melanie Manges, piano

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Hood

**New Testament Reading**

Luke 24: 36-48

Rev. Hood

**Special Music** "The Master Has Come" arr. J. Martin

**Sermon** Again & Again, Jesus Transforms Us Rev. Hood

**Invitation** Rev. Hood

**Hymn of Hope** "I Am Thine, O Lord" #408

*(Verse 1)* I am thine, O Lord- I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

*(Refrain)* Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.

*(Verse 2)* Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in thine.

*(Refrain)* Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.

**Offering**

*Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,  
Teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,  
That we might praise you not with our words only,  
But with our whole lives. Amen.*

**Offertory** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Converse/Barr  
Melanie Manges, organ

**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **Congregational Pledge to New Members**

*In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place.*

*We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.*

<b>Announcements</b>		Rev. Hood
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Hood
<b>Postlude</b>	"Fanfares and Flourishes" Melanie Manges, organ	Binckes

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### **Worship Leaders In This Service:**

Charles Gullion, Worship Leader

Sylvia Mohler, Vocalist

Kamryn Dehn & Alan Zhao, Spring 2021 Music Ministry Interns

Melanie Manges, Organist/Pianist

Aurie Swartz, Director of Communications & Technology

Matt Hood, Director of Music Ministry

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood, Senior Pastor

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