



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 | 10:30am

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Prayer candles are available in the north transept if you would like to light one as part of your prayer this morning.

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*Stand as you are able

Wifi Password for FBCH Guest: youareloved

Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom

Senior Choir Kitchen Party: New Hymns from "Voices Together"

Welcome

Luke Dowding

If joining on Facebook Live or YouTube we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.

Ringing of the Trinity

We Gather in the presence of God - Creator, Christ, and Spirit

*Call to Worship

Luke Dowding

From A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Resource Group

From where we are to where you need us,

Jesus, now lead on.

From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you will reveal,

Jesus, now lead on.

To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,

Jesus, now lead on.

*Prayer of Approach

Creator God, our church has been given much. We have inherited a legacy of thoughtful, courageous, and creative faith. As we consider our past, may we be inspired to discover our church's calling today—an expectation we will be faithful to the Way of Jesus as we live out justice-love in our time. Amen.

*Processional Hymn (next page)

*Stand as you are able

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Bring Many Names

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Capo 1: (D) (Em7) (G2)(G) (Em) (A2)(A7) (D)
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7 Eb



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e -
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning
 3 Warm fa - ther God, bless - ing ev - 'ry child, feel - ing
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move, say - ing
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known, joy - ful

(Em7) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A7) (D) (Em7)
 Fm7 Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb7 Eb Fm7



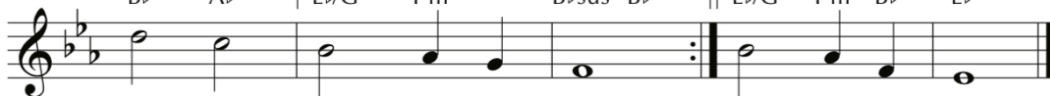
brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, hol - i - ness in
 all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than

(G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7) (D) (Em) (D)
 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7 Eb Fm Eb



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and Ho -
 qua - tion gen - i - us at play: Hail and Ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and Ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and Ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and Ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and Ho -

(A) (G) 1-5 (D/F#) (Em) (Asus)(A) 6 (D/F#) (Em)(A) (D)
 Bb Ab Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb Eb/G Fm Bb Eb



san - na! Bring man - y names!
 san - na, strong moth - er God!
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 san - na,

great, liv - ing God!

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 Music: Carlton Young (USA), © 1989 Hope Publishing Co.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-47

Gisela O'Brien

New Revised Standard Version

24:44 Then Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Children's Hymn

God Welcomes All 399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for a children's hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the lyrics 'God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;'. The second system of music has the lyrics 'God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for children.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

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Children's Story

Rusty Edwards

*Blessing of the Children

Beloved children of our church family: may God's Spirit be with you as you enter into the stories of our faith; may your imaginations be opened to encounter God's love for you and all the world; and may you be formed to care for others as you discover the Way of Jesus. Amen.

Children going into Primary-Grade 6 are invited to go to Godly Play.

***Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Donations

All contributions to FBCH support our mission and ministry and are greatly appreciated. Offering boxes are located at the side doors at the back of the Sanctuary. You can also go to our website fbchalifax.ca and click on the Ways to Give link for information about how to financially support the ministries of FBCH, including e-transfers or setting up recurring donations.

New Testament Reading: Acts 8:26-39

New Revised Standard Version

^{8:26} Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)
²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

Spoken Reflection

Rusty Edwards

Much Required

Anthem

Senior Choir and Bryan Darrell, Oboist

Jesus Bleibet meine Freude -J.S. Bach

Translation: Jesus, You Remain My Joy

Welcoming New Members

Leanne Crawley

Catherine and Samuel Jirgba (Kayla, Karen, Kara)

Julia Poertner

Welcome into the Congregation of FBCH

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.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Gisela O'Brien

Our Creator, 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn (next page)**

1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D

A7 D A D G A7 D

1 Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty,
2 Ra-diant ris-en from the wa-ter, robed in ho-li-ness and light,
3 Trust the good-ness of cre-a-tion; trust the Spir-it strong with-in.
4 Bring the hopes of ev'-ry na-tion; bring the art of ev'-ry race.
5 Draw to- geth-er at one ta-ble all the hu-man fam-i-ly;

A7 D A D G A7 D

gath-ered in the name of Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty:
ev-'ry per-son in God's im-age, ev-'ry per-son, God's de-light.
Dare to dream the vi-sion prom-ised sprung from seed of what has been.
Weave a song of peace and jus-tice; let it sound through time and space.
shape a cir-cle ev-er wid-er and a peo-ple ev-er free.

Refrain A7 D G D A7 D G D

Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in splen-did, var-ied ways,

A7 D A D G A7 D

sing, renewed church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

Postlude/ Choral Blessing:

Beati quorum via -Stanford

Translation: Blessed are those who walk in the way of God

The Week Ahead at FBCH

For details go to fbchalifax.ca or read News Notes

Sunday, May 11

9am - Social Choir; Parlour

10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary
Rusty's Last Day Before Renewal Leave

Tuesday, May 13

7pm - Leadership Team Meeting; Online

Thursday, May 15

7-9pm - Senior Choir; Sanctuary

Sunday, May 18

10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary

11:45am - Congregational Meeting; Sanctuary

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Special thanks to today's worship leaders:

Bryan Darrell

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The story of the early church in the New Testament is a story of the ever-expanding circle of those included in the community of Jesus. We believe that circle expands to include all people.

Because we are followers of Jesus, First Baptist Church Halifax welcomes all people into the full life of the church community. This means we will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, age, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or economic circumstances.

We really do want you to join us. Our diversity helps us all expand our understandings of God.

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