

**The Worship of God  
First Baptist Church  
West Jefferson, NC  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

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9:45 a.m.

(May 8th, 2021)

**Prelude Music (5 minutes before start of service)**

*"In Christ Alone"*

*Sylvia Zahner, Piano Soloist*

*[Tornquist]*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Michael Lea*

**Mother's Day Recognition**

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

**Chimes[i]**

**Prelude to Worship**

*"As the Deer"*

*Sylvia Zahner, Organ Soloist*

*[Carraway]*

**Call to Worship\*\*\***

*Leader, Alice Jane Birdsell*

*Leader:* Lord Jesus, just as you came to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, you sometimes come to us as a stranger on the paths of our lives.

***ALL: Give us courage to welcome all people with genuine hospitality, for in the stranger we walk with and encounter Christ Jesus.***

*Leader:* Risen Lord, who made yourself known to your followers over a warm fire and while eating fresh baked bread,

***ALL: Open our lives to experience the warmth of your presence as we gather with one another for worship and fellowship in sanctuaries, living rooms, and kitchens.***

*Leader:* King Jesus, who told us that when we serve or fail to serve those considered "least" in our world, we serve or fail to serve you,

***ALL: Embolden us to accept all those who cross our paths, and inspire us to go to and show compassion for those who need us to be your loving presence for them. In Christ we pray. Amen.***

## PRAISING THE RISEN LORD

### Hymn of Praise No. 349

*“To God Be the Glory”*

*Congregation*

*[To God Be the Glory]*

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
so loved He the world that He gave us His son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives

CHORUS

Great things He has taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

CHORUS

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12:1-21; Mark 10:13-16

*Olivia Glover*

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

**Offertory/Morning Prayer**

*Archie Griffith*

**Children’s Sermon**

*Travis Birdsell*

**Parent-Child Covenant and Blessing**

**Introduction**

*Rev. Dr. Michael Lea*

**Introduction of Children and Parents**

*Rev. Patricia Turner*

Children: *Mila Margeaux Jones, Ruby Theo Jones, River Olin Jones, Walker Brodland Jones*

Parents: *Drew and Amy Jones*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Rev. Patricia Turner*

**Litany of Covenant and Blessing**

*Leaders, Rev. Dr. Michael Lea and Rev. Patricia Turner*

*Leader: Drew and Amy as we give thanks to God for the gift of Mila Margeaux, Ruby Theo, River Olin, Walker Brodland, do you accept the joys and duties of parenthood?*

**Parents: Gladly, we do.**

*Leader:* Do you promise to bring *Mila, Ruby, River and Walker* up within the Christian community, and, by God's grace, to live so that they will be nurtured in love and surrounded by the life of Jesus?

**Parents: We do.**

*Leader (to the congregation):* Gathered here as members of this congregation and as representatives of the wider church of God, do you promise to offer these parents and children your love and support, and, being faithful in prayer, will you share your faith with them by word and example? If you will promise this, **please stand.**

*Leader: Mila, Ruby, River, and Walker,* you are children of God; and as Jesus welcomed the children and took them into his arms, we welcome you with open arms into the community of God's people. We rejoice, for you are God's gift to us. We pray that you will grow strong in the knowledge and love of God; and that one day you will be a disciple of Jesus, following him through the waters of baptism and in a life of faithful witness. We pray that you will bear the fruit of God's Spirit-compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, self control-and live God's great gift of love.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, this day and always. **Amen.**

**Presentation of Bibles**

*Rev. Patricia Turner*

**Special Music**

*"A Mother's Love"*

*Delia Gambill*

*[Patterson]*

## CELEBRATING THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

**Sermon**

*Rev. Dr. Michael Lea*

Growing Young: Fueling Warm Community & Prioritizing Young People Everywhere

**Hymn of Commitment No. 341 (Vs 1,3,6)**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

*Congregation*

*{DIX}*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us **lies:**

**CHORUS**

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild

**CHORUS**

For Thyself, best Gift Divine! To our world so freely given;

For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven.

**CHORUS**

**Benediction**

*Rev. Dr. Michael Lea*

**Postlude**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*Sylvia Zahner, Organ Soloist*  
*[Wilkinson]*

\*\*\* Based on Matthew 25:34-36, Luke 24:13-35

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[i] The three chimes represent our worship of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.