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## WORSHIP NOTES

Restrooms are located in the Foyer and in the hallway behind the Sanctuary (please exit through the piano-side door).

Childcare is available for infants, toddlers and PreK in the nursery.

An usher will be glad to lead you to the nursery area (below the Banquet Hall).

Clergy of the Week: Mark Green (mark.green@fbcgainesville.org)

Deacon Team of the Week: David Shumake, Katie Dubnik, Lydia Park, Ken Lott, and Vonda Shope

If you have any safety concerns or needs this morning, please feel welcome to speak with our security officer, Ret. Lt. Nina Harkins, who usually can be found in the church foyer.

First Baptist Church is a **Stephen Ministry congregation**. Stephen Ministers are caregivers trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life. If you would like to be put in touch with a Stephen Minister, please call **770-754-7354**.

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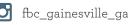




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# Grace discovered. Traditions renewed.

Welcome to worship! We encourage all guests to complete a Connect Card (located in the pew ) and drop it in the offering plate during the service. You are also invited to stop by the Guest Table (located in the Foyer) to receive further information about First Baptist Church.

"God the Gardener"

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 | 11:00 AM

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

**Gathering Music** Lord of the Dance arr. Carter Easter Song arr. Carter

Piano Duet: Amy Hulsey & Mark Green

**Chiming of the Hour** 

**Acolytes** Henson Brock & Tripp Davis

arr. Page **Call to Worship** This is My Father's World

SonRise Ringers; Patsy Shuford, Director & Alicia Donnell, Flute

Sleeth \*Hymns of Praise No. 545 In the Bulb No. 622 He Lives Ackley

**Invocation, Welcome &** Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford

**Opportunities to Serve** 

**Celebrating Amy Hulsey for 26 ½ years as Church Pianist at First Baptist Church** 

Shackley **Music Meditation** I Want Jesus to Walk With Me Young Adult Ensemble; Helen Hutsell, Director

Rev. Kellie Denton **Pastoral Praver &** 

The Lord's Prayer 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

Trad. Irish \*Offertory Hymn No. 71 Be Thou My Vision

\*Offertory Prayer Cathy Bowers

**Offertory Praise** God's Grace arr. Cranfill

**Exaltation Orchestra: Glenn Eernisse. Director** 

\*The Doxology (No. 706) Ken

**Children's Prayer** Rev. Christopher Simonton

(Children K through 5th grades are invited to Children's Church in Room 108)

**Choral Praise** Allen Because of Love

### Sanctuary Choir: Exaltation Orchestra

Why would God come to earth? Why would He choose a manager birth? Why would He want to give me worth? Why would God come to earth?

Because of love, because of love, He left the peace of heav'n above. He left His throne, His majesty, and came to earth to ransom me because of love, because of love, because of

Why would God choose Calvary? Why would He suffer on a tree? Why would He die for you and me? Why would God choose Calvary?

Because of love, because of love, He left the peace of heav'n above. He left His throne, His majesty, and came to earth to ransom me because of love, because of love, because of

(For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth, believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.)

He came to live in flesh and do His Father's will, the sinless Son of God was slain on Calvary's hill. But He arose from death to life triumphantly! All this and more Christ did for me because of love. Because of love, He left the peace of heav'n above. He left His throne, His majesty, and came to earth to ransom me, because of love, because of love, because God so loved!

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Sermon Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta "God the Gardener" (John 19:41-42, 20:11-18; Pew Bible Nos. 1685; 1686)

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

\*Hymn of Response No. 200

In the Garden Stanzas 1 & 2

Miles

\*Benediction Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

Holy, Holy, Holy arr. Wagner **Postlude** Hannah Bradley, Organ