



First, an instrument of torture, *Then, an instrument of love.*
First, a place of defeat, *Then, a place of victory.*
First, a symbol of shame, *Then, a symbol of glory.*

There is a horrific type of *beauty* in the cross.

Our Worship of God

March 13, 2016

9:15 am

The Fifth Sunday of the Lenten Season

– *The Beauty of the Cross* –

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive)

God created the heavens,
star-spattered with beauty,
and the earth, teeming with life.
And God set us on the Earth,
alive and wide-eyed,
able to see and hear,
feel and taste life's beauty,
able to dream and plan,
create and build out of the richness of the earth.

**Lord of all to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise!**

God gave us families to love us,
teachers to teach us,
elders to guide us,
and leaders to inspire us.
God gave us His Son
to save us from the path of destruction and sin,
and to be a strengthening presence
in our trials and temptations.

Lord of all to thee we raise

this our hymn of grateful praise.

Every good thing that fills our souls with gladness
and our lives with light
is a gift from God.
We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches.
For this, let us come before God
in thanksgiving and grateful praise.
Lord of all to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise!

Opening Our Hearts Through Song

Lead Me To The Cross

Song of Beauty

Flawless

Invitation To Pass The Peace Of Christ

Song of Praise

Christ In Me

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Scripture Reading

Racquel Kausler

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many

members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Sermon	"Transforming Beauty"	Ed Rollins
God Who Touchest Earth with Beauty		Butler
Movement to the Cross		
Song of Response	Carry Me To The Cross	
Benediction		
Going To Serve		

Worship Notes

Cover Image: Artist: Megan Riley As Part of our Lenten theme, The Beauty of the Cross, many First Baptist members and friends have colored a cross. Different samples of this work will be in our bulletins each week, while other artistic renditions may be found at various locations in our building.

Call to Worship: Written by David Inglis, Senior Pastor at the Henrietta United Church of Christ in Henrietta, New York.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 13

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble

Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service

(in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

Monday, March 14

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study

Parlor

Wednesday, March 16

5:30 pm Missions Meeting

Library

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sanctuary

Thursday, March 17

2:00 pm Memorial Service

for Robert C. Smith

Sanctuary

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 18

10:30 am Eat, Pray, Sew

Conference Room

11:00 am The Wardrobe Volunteers

The Wardrobe

Sunday, March 20

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble

Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service

(in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

Announcements

Holy Week at First Baptist

In a matter of weeks we will be traveling from Lent into Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Holy Week is the most significant time of remembrance and celebration for the church. In this troubling week, Jesus entered Jerusalem, shared a meal with his friends, prayed in the garden, was denied, tried, and crucified. It is a reminder of the tragedy that Christ endured for all people. This is a time that we must experience anew if we are to understand the joy of Easter. Please plan to join us as we gather in worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

On Palm Sunday, **March 20**, we will attend the Downtown Palm Sunday service. Meet at 10:20 am on the patio to walk together.

On Good Friday, **March 25**, we will gather for worship in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. This most meaningful service reminds us of the suffering and pain that Christ endured during the crucifixion. We will gather around the cross, as we have during Lent, for a time of communion, prayer and reflection.

On Sunday, **March 27**, Easter services begin with the Sunrise service led by our youth on the front Broadway steps at 8:15 am. Following this we will share in our annual Easter brunch, followed by our worship services at 9:15 and 11:15 am. We look forward to a wonderful day of celebration. Please invite a friend to come with you, as we worship the risen Lord.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, **March 26**, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children from toddlers to 3rd grade. There will also be face painting, bubbles, games, story-time, and more!

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Endowment Requests

Thanks to the generous gifts of the late Margaret Mulligan and Dorothy Hughes, First Baptist is blessed to have an Endowment that helps to fund special projects and ministries. A sample of items funded in the past include: Youth Camp transportation, mission trips, marketing, Odyssey Chamber Music Series, the Fellowship Hall renovations and much more.

Committees now have paper work to make requests. If you are not on a committee and would like to suggest something for consideration, please contact Ed Rollins. The deadline for requests is **April 15, 2016**.

Child Development Center

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for summer and the 2016-2017 school year. Our summer program will be June 6-June 30 and July 6-August 5. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. Our hours are 7:15 am-5:30 pm Monday-Fridays. For more information contact Ms. Debby at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org

We are collecting store receipts for a fundraiser with Shoparoo. Last year schools nationwide earned over \$800,000. Receipts from any store will help us earn instant cash donations and entries into sweepstakes of up to \$15,000. We have placed a basket in the hall by the nursery to collect receipts. We will be happy to scan your receipts!

Fellowship Adventures

Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair, is organizing our 3rd annual St. Pat's Italian dinner! This year's dinner will be at Babbo's Spaghetteria (1305 Grindstone Pkwy). Meet at 5:30 pm on March 17th, and wear green! Let Paula know soon if you plan on joining: paulalou52@gmail.com.



9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience,
First Baptist Church offers Traditional worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary.

Songs used:

Lead Me To The Cross (4785828); Flawless (7020472); Christ In Me (7036289);
At The Cross (Love Ran Red) (7017786);
Carry Me To The Cross (5895982)

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Extended Session: children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the Fellowship Hall fireplace area.

**First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches USA,
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.**

To view the live webcast of our 11:15 am Traditional worship service, go to www.ustream.tv.
Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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