



Sacred
ORDINARY

Seeking God in the Mundane

Our Worship of God

July 15, 2018

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Sacred Ordinary: Seeking God in the Mundane ~

*“The supreme religious challenge is to see God’s image
in one who is not in our image.”*

~Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Welcome and Announcements

Ed Rollins

Call to Worship (responsive)

God’s presence is seen in the faces of those we encounter:

the faces vacant from hunger...

the faces bright with joy...

the faces wrinkled from age...

the faces of the angry...

the faces with twinkling eyes...

the faces of the hopeless...

the faces of helpers...

the faces of strangers.

Look around you. See the face of God.

†Opening Songs

We Are
All the People Said Amen

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Jen Boeckman

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Litany

As Abraham welcomed the strangers

so God welcomes us.

God greets us with joy

and says, “rest here for a while.”

God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

Let us rest in this holy place

where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

†Offertory Sentence

**Accept the gifts that we offer, O God,
as we go seeking reconciliation with our brothers and sisters.
In them we seek to love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds.
May the reconciliation we pursue reflect our love for neighbor
as ourselves.
We pray in the name of the Christ who allows us to present ourselves
blameless before you. Amen.**

†Offering

My Story

Message

Face to Face with God

Brittany McDonald Null,
Pastoral Resident

† Song of Response

Christ Be All Around Me

†Benediction (responsive)

**God, we seek you in the heavens, and we pray in church and pew.
Yet it's often in our living that we feel at home in you.
As we work to bring your justice, as we seek your peaceful way,
As we put our faith in practice, may we find you, God, today.**

Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 15

12:30-2:30 pm First Kids Camp Volunteer Training *3rd Floor*

Monday, July 16

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, July 17

11:45 am-2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Thursday, July 19

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 20-Saturday, July 27

University Youth Camp

Offsite

Announcements

Sunday Morning Small Groups

Today the Combined Small Groups will hear the missions team sharing experiences and insights from their trip to Bridger, SD to complete the summer study theme of “Street Theology - Joining God’s Mission as We Go.” On Sunday, July 22, the Small groups will resume their normal sessions:

- Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator
- Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor
- Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

First Kids Camp

Sign up now - First Kids Camp- for 3-year-olds through those entering 6th grade will be held July 30-Aug 3. There is a Bible School portion (8:45-12) that is free. There is also the option of extending your day (7:30-8:45 and/or 12-5:30) for \$50 for the first child and \$25 for each additional sibling for the entire week. Details and a link to sign up are available on our website, fbc-columbia.org. So that we can plan for enough volunteers and supplies, registration ends today.

Volunteer Training - Helpers working with the kids will have a training today from 12:30-2:30 pm on the third floor.

Men’s Breakfast

On Tuesday, July 17, 7-8 am, all First Baptist men are invited to gather for breakfast. We will talk about possible interests for the group, pray for the needs of our church, and even try our hand at singing a tune. It will be a memorable morning!

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Affirming Network

Our church has chosen to continue our partnership with CBF to be a voice that continues to help all of God's children see that God can make space for everyone at the table. With that in mind, the Serving Team at First Baptist voted in May to financially support the formation of the Affirming Network of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. This network, comprised of LGBTQ+ persons and allies, is designed to be a space for churches to gather and share resources for inclusion, and where LGBTQ+ seminarians can connect with churches that will affirm their call to ministry. On Thursday morning, June 14, the Affirming Network gathered for their inaugural breakfast at General Assembly. There is still opportunity to give to the Affirming Network by making your check out to First Baptist Church and putting The CBF Affirming Network in the memo line. Mail it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

Unidiversity Youth Camp

Thirteen people will leave on Friday, July 20 for Unidiversity Youth Camp in Tennessee. Please pray for them as they travel, for their time at camp, and for a safe return on Saturday, July 27. Everyone is invited to join us for worship Tuesday-Friday at 5:45 pm via live webcast by visiting the camp website, www.university.org.

Worship Notes

The opening quote is from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, *Not In God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence*. Schocken, 2017.

The Call to Worship was written by Ed Rollins.

We Are by Chuck Butler, Ed Cash, Hillary McBride, James Tealy (6129877)

All The People Said Amen by Matt Maher | Paul Moak | Trevor Morgan (6518275)

The responsive reading was written by Joanna Harader, and posed on **Spacious Faith**.
<http://spaciousfaith.com/2011/10/19/wednesday-worship-piece-calls-to-worship/>.

My Story by Jason Ingram | Michael Weaver (7036037)

Christ Be All Around Me by David Leonard | Jack Mooring | Leeland Mooring | Leslie Jordan (7016414)

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.

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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 in the Sanctuary.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

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 which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

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

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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