



Understanding the Cross

Our Worship of God

April 7, 2019

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

- The Fifth Sunday of the Season of Lent – Atonement - “At-one-ment”

Welcome

Michael McEntyre

Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to remember Jesus our Savior
who loved us
and gave himself for us.

Let us draw near in full assurance
of God’s endless love and mercy.

**We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ
who carries our sorrows,
heals our wounds,
and redeems us from sin and death.**

†Opening Song

Your Grace is Enough

†Passing the Peace of Christ

John 11:45-53

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, [by raising Lazarus from the dead] believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed." He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Litany of Mercy (responsive)

When we refuse to share the resources of our wealth
when we are afraid to make sacrifices for justice
when the weariness of struggle stifles our longing for peace:
in the denial of dreams,
Lamb of God,
bearing the sin of the world
have mercy on us.

When unfair conditions add to the burden of the poor
when nations break promises and refuse responsibility
when violence is seen as a way of bringing freedom:
in the betrayal of trust,
Lamb of God,
bearing the sin of the world
have mercy on us.

When the longing for a better world is crushed by cynicism
when the suffering of the innocent cries out in despair
when vision is abandoned in the face of death:
in the shattering of hope,
Lamb of God,
bearing the sin of the world
have mercy on us.

When dreams are denied
Christ have mercy.
When trust is betrayed
Christ have mercy.
When hope is shattered
Christ have mercy.
Amen.

†Song of Confession

Find Our Way to Love

Offertory Prayer

†Offering

Faith & Wonder

Message

Rev. Brittany McDonald Null

Words of Invitation (responsive)

When Jesus sat at tables and broke bread with tax collectors, lawyers, rich elites, and poor peasants, he proclaimed that God's gracious love and abiding presence know no bounds. Through these occasions of sharing food, people experienced God, and shared in God's Kin-dom. A Kin-dom, where: all are welcome, worthy, and invited; lives are transformed and empowered; and the fruits of God's gentle justice bloom throughout all Creation.

All people, including each of us, are invited to share in this sacred meal of celebration, and be strengthened by the presence of God in this place.

Words of Institution (responsive)

When his arrest seemed near, Jesus ate a meal in an upper room with the disciples. He took bread and after having given thanks to You, Holy God, he broke it and gave it to the disciples, this time saying, “Do this to remember me.” After the meal he shared wine, gave thanks, and said, “I will not drink from this cup again until I drink it with you in the Kin-dom of God.”

Jesus was then unjustly killed by the systems of domination of his day. But the resurrection provided a new hope. We thank you, Holy God, that the last supper wasn't the last meal – or the last word! His execution wasn't the end. The Kin-dom persisted – and persists today – through the people who seek to be your resurrection community. Despite the divisions, violence, and injustice in the world, God continually brings forth renewed hope for love, justice, and mutuality to and through each of us. Therefore, Holy God, in the sharing of this bread and cup, we joyfully celebrate the hope-inspiring ministry and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Holy God, bless each of us, and the meal we will share,
so we may be:
opened to your abiding presence,
nourished by your gracious love,
and strengthened by your resurrection power.
Amen!**

Come taste the Kin-dom, and know God is present with us here.

Communion

†Song of Response

Into Dust

†Benediction (responsive)

God, we are on a journey with you to the cross.
The word is almost too big.
We can't get our arms around it.
Its meaning staggers us.

**May we take seriously the meaning of your cross,
as we take up ours,
standing beside each other,
daring one another to take the risks you ask
so that together we can live out your mission in the world.**

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 7

4:00 pm First Kids Music

Parlor

5:30-7:00 pm College/Young Adult

Youth Suite

Monday, April 8

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff meeting

Library

5:30 pm Diaconate Meeting

Library

Tuesday, April 9

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

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5:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Conference Room

Wednesday, April 10

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6-7:15 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Announcements

A New Way to Give

We are excited to announce the addition of online giving for our church family. With this option, you will be able to:

- login into your giving account and track your donations for the year.
- set up recurring giving by setting the amount that you want to automatically give each month.
- make a one-time donation to the church or special offerings.
- and, coming soon, easily pay for church trips/events.

To give online, go to our website at www.fbc-columbia.org and click on the link at the top of the page that says Online Payments/Giving.

Palm Sunday - April 14

Palm Sunday is a joyous day at First Baptist! Children are invited to take part in a Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both Awakening (9:15 am) and Traditional (11:15 am) worship; parents, please bring your children to the back of the worship space a few minutes before worship, so they can receive a palm leaf and join the processional.

First Baptist will also participate in the Downtown Palm Sunday Service in conjunction with other area churches. This special service takes place in the middle of the street on Broadway. We will meet on the front lawn at 10:20 am and walk downtown together.

Good Friday - April 19

Friday: the day the world turned dark and all hope was lost - the day of death. On Good Friday, we will gather at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to join the lament of those who follow Christ. It is a final moment of preparation prior to the joy of Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 20

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place for toddlers up to 5th graders at First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am. There will be games, crafts, treats, and please bring your own baskets for the Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday- April 21

Easter morning begins with a celebration of the Resurrection at the 9:15 am Awakening Contemporary Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy pastries and beverages from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. Traditional Worship will celebrate the Risen Christ at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, written Marlene Kropf, in *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross: Good Friday Service*. Posted on Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre website, <http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca>

Communion Liturgy, by Brian Brandsmeier, <https://progressivechristianity.org>

Faith and Wonder, Abbie Simmons, Bethony Wohrle, Cody Lee, Jacob Sooter, Meredith Andrews, CCLI#7119410

Into Dust, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, Mack Brock, CCLI# 7113517

Find Our Way to Love, Gary Rand, Hannah Rand, Lenora Rand, CCLI#7116849

Your Grace is Enough, Matt Maher, CCLI#4477026

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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.

Models of Atonement

Christus Victor (Victory Model): When humanity sinned, we became captive to evil (such as sin, death or Satan). When Jesus died, it looked like evil won, but with the resurrection Jesus defeated the power of sin and death and evil.

Satisfaction (Payment Model): God's holiness and justice demands that debt of sin be paid. Jesus' death pays the price for human sin.

Moral Influence Model: People are moved by the love of God displayed in Christ's self-giving death. Jesus' life and death is then a catalyst; the power of the Holy Spirit will transform human beings and the world.

Scapegoat Model: Jesus is a victim of human violence and sin. His death on the cross reveals humanity's propensity to violence and overcomes it by submitting to it. The Scapegoat Model, or what is sometimes called non-violent atonement, says that Jesus didn't have to die. We killed him. Jesus is a victim of human violence and sin. His death on the cross reveals human's propensity to violence. It is like a mirror held up to us that reveals the darkness in our own hearts. On the cross, Jesus submitted to human violence. Jesus' death is redemptive, however, because of its effect on humanity. It provides the means whereby violence is exposed for what it is and enables human beings to be extracted from their own prison of hatred and be reconciled to God through the mediation of Jesus. God used our own sin to save us.

Solidarity Model: Jesus died in solidarity with us, he underwent the ultimate consequences of living in a sinful world, in order to demonstrate the depths of God's love and God's desire to save us.



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 years old 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):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor

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

Connections Group in the second floor library.

*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

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