

Our Worship of God

March 8, 2020

9:15 am

(**†** Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Beyond our busyness, Above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

> a light that shines through the clouds an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world

that transforms darkness into hope that brings life from a cross where old life ends and new life is born

In glory Jesus meets us here raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

†Opening Songs

Open Up the Heavens How Great is Our God

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May we give way to glory, O God May we let the light tangle with our lives that we may see what you see in us

may we see what you see

a love born in eternity that find a home in our souls and wants to be there a word that lifts itself from page into life and tells a story that begins with itself

may we see what you see

a vision that brings past and future
into the one meeting place
and offers is all as present
a wisdom born of generations
where time nurtures the promise
and the longings of believers
wondering if this will the be the generation that breaks it open

May we give way to glory and dare its splendor to rekindle our faith and transfigure our lives

So be it.

Amen

Lenten Theme Interpretation: Reflecting on the Glory of God

Where have you seen God's glory this week? This year?

Gospel Reading

Ross Kasmann

Matthew 17:1-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to Christ.**

Meditation on Art

Questions for Reflection

What surprises you about this image? What emotions, thoughts, or questions arise?

†Song of Praise Transfiguration

Offertory Prayer

Offering Holy

Message Carol McEntyre

†Song of Response Holy Ground

†Benediction

Worship Notes

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Holy, CCLI #7086576 | Chris Tomlin, Hank Bentley, Matt Maher, and Michael Donehey

Ground, CCLI #7078152 | Brett Younker, Jimi Cravity, Melodie Malone, and Mia Fieldes

How Great Is Our God, CCLI #4348399 | Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

Transfiguration, CCLI #7047252 | Taya Smith, Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Aodhan King

Open Up The Heavens, CCLI #6304702 | Andi Rozier, James McDonald, Meredith Andrews, and Stuart Garrard

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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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 8

4:00 pm First Kids Choir Children's Suite 5:30 pm College & Young Adult Gathering Student Suite

Monday, March 9

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Serving Team (Missions) Meeting
5:30 pm Children's Ministry Task Force

Office Commons
Conference Room

Tuesday, March 10

11:45 am-2:00 pm Crafty Critters Conference Room

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 pm The Calling
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

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Thursday, March 12

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out an information card during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Lenten Series

Our theme for the season is *Journey Through Lent with Art*. The series includes a different work of art, a famous painting or sculpture, for every Sunday of Lent through Easter. Our worship series are often left-brain focused, taking on heavy theological topics, and trying to understand them in a new way. However, this series is about right-brained spirituality: connecting with God on a heart level. If you have ever been moved by a piece of music, a movie, or a theatrical performance, then you know art has a way of communicating beyond where words can take us. This series seeks to provide space to experience our God who is beyond all words.

St. Pat's Annual Dinner Adventure – March 17

It's time for our St. Pat's Italian dinner adventure! This year we are venturing out to Jefferson City to Ria's. We will take the bus and depart church at 5:30 pm and return about 7:30 pm. There will be a prize for whoever wears the best green outfit! Please RSVP by March 15 to Paula Thomas at paulalou52@gmail.com or 573-442-1149. Fellowship Adventures is a group of First Baptist members and friends who get together for fun and travel to local attractions and restaurants, typically on a monthly basis. All are welcome!

ForColumbia – April 25

ForColumbia 2020 is less than two months away! Our congregation will be partnering with 50 churches and over 2000 volunteers to serve our city on Saturday, April 25. Currently members of our church will be leading sites at Benton Elementary, individual home serving sites, and a new knitting/ sewing site to create hats and blankets for NICU babies. More projects are to come. If you are interested in leading at a serving site, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. Sign ups for ForColumbia volunteers begin Sunday, March 8 and continue through April 13. You can sign up online at http://forcolumbia.com/volunteer. Watch for more information soon.

Palm Sunday - April 5

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 and walk down together. Children will need to be brought by their caregivers.

Good Friday Service - April 10, 6:00 pm

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for worship. Good Friday is the day that we commemorate the suffering and execution of Jesus by the Romans occupying empire in Jerusalem. We will gather around the cross to sing, pray and reflect together on all that Jesus means to us. We will continue our Lenten theme of *Journey through Lent with Art* with a meditation of Jesus on the cross. Childcare is available.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 11, 10:00 am

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. Be sure to bring your own baskets! Kids will enjoy crafts, games, treats, and hunting for Easter Eggs.



For Children During Worship:

<u>Birth-Kindergarteners</u> can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

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

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

<u>Birth-Age 3 Childcare</u> is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, which is 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 are located on the second floor:

- -Color of Compromise Group (Conference Room) This study explores American Church complicity in racism. A video recaps one chapter each week followed by discussion. Prior reading isn't required, and all are welcome.
- -Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.
- -Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

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

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