



Our Worship of God

March 22, 2020

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✠ Fourth Sunday of Lent ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship

The Lord is our shepherd; we will have all that we need;
we are released from fear.

The Shepherd guides us in fruitful living, giving us healing and pardon.
Even though difficulties and dangers may lie ahead, we do not need to fear.

God's love and strength are as a rod and staff for us.
God will give us abundantly from God's own love.

**Surely this goodness and mercy will be with us all of our days,
and we will dwell in God's loving care forevermore. Amen.**

Hymn 612

How Firm a Foundation

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."*

*“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”*

*“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no never forsake!”*

The Blessing of our Children

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Hebrew Bible Reading

Shelby Myers

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Carol McEntyre

Song of Comfort

Peace Be Still

*I don't want to be afraid
Every time I face the waves
I don't want to be afraid
I don't want to be afraid
I don't want to fear the storm
Just because I hear it roar
I don't want to fear the storm
I don't want to fear the storm*

*Peace be still
Say the word and I will
Set my feet up on the sea
'Til I'm dancing in the deep
Peace be still
You are here so it is well
Even when my eyes can't see
I will trust the voice that speaks*

*I'm not gonna be afraid
'Cause these waves are only waves
I'm not gonna be afraid
I'm not gonna be afraid
I'm not gonna fear the storm
You are greater than its roar
I'm not gonna fear the storm
I'm not gonna fear at all*

Peace, peace over me

*Let faith rise up
O heart believe
Let faith rise up in me*

Gospel Reading

Marques J. Ruff

Mark 8:22-25

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Can you see anything?" And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Meditation on Art

Questions for Reflection

What do you notice about this painting that surprises you?

What part of the painting stands out the most?

Song of Reflection

Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed*

*The Lord has promised good to me His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures*

*Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.*

*Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace*

*When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun*

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Offering

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Callahan

Message

Carol McEntyre

Hymn of Comfort 611

There is a Balm in Gilead

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.*

Benediction

Psalm 46:1-2,5,11

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Worship Notes

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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

Tuesday, March 24

9:30 am Pause for Prayer

Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

4:00 pm First Kids Connect

Children's Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Wednesday, March 25

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon

Online Zoom call with Pastor Carol McEntyre

6:00 pm The Calling Online

Online Zoom meeting with Pastor Michael McEntyre

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Check-in

Online Zoom meeting with Noah Hartsfield

Thursday, March 26

7:00 pm Pause for Prayer

Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sunday, March 29

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

11:15 am Online Worship Service

Stream the worship service by clicking "Watch Us Live" from link at the top of our website

Information regarding Zoom meetings
is available on our website:
www.fbc-columbia.org
Go to: "Get Involved" tab
and then click "Online Gatherings"

Announcements

Weekly Online Gatherings

Beginning next week, we will be launching weekly zoom calls to maintain community during this season of social distancing and self-quarantine. On Sunday mornings at 10:15 am, there will be a corporate Bible Study prior to our 11:15 online service. Tuesdays at 9:30 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm Brittany McDonald Null will lead Pause for Prayer, a fifteen-minute guided prayer using different grounding practices. On Wednesdays at noon, Pastor Carol McEntyre will host a 45 minute-long zoom call for a weekly check-in, scripture reflection, and prayer. Youth will have a call with Pastor Michael McEntyre on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. On Tuesdays at 4pm, there will be a First Kids Zoom Call online for kids and volunteers with Pastor Brittany.

Each of the zoom calls is open to all. Our zoom conferencing allows up to 300 people to join! We will post the link on our Facebook page and send an email with the code to join. Those who wish not to join via webcam can also call a number and join by phone. We look forward to new and creative ways to be church together in this season of change. If you need any assistance setting up the free zoom service, you can contact Pastors Michael and Brittany, or the Telling team members Jason Tratchel and Bryce Null.

ForColumbia Update

Many of you have asked about the ForColumbia day of service scheduled for April 25. The Executive Team is in discussion about how our gathered communities of faith can best serve our city in the days ahead. It is encouraging to know that such a great network of churches and volunteers is in place to help. For now, if you wish to show support, you can sign up online to serve. Please indicate that you are with First Baptist and in the comments section you can identify one of our sites to be a part of, or indicate that you are willing to serve wherever is needed when the time arrives. Currently, First Baptist is scheduled to lead the following projects: Benton Elementary School (working on creating an outdoor learning classroom), preparing a Shared Kitchen space on the Loop (a place to help train individuals with valuable job skills for the future), and a knitting/crocheting/sewing opportunity here at the church to make blankets and caps for NICU babies and scarves for children. Lastly, we will be helping with yardwork and maintenance at some local homes. More details will be made available as soon as possible. Please continue to be in prayer for our city and for the work that will need to be done in the days ahead.