



Our Worship of God

March 29, 2020

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

❧ **Fifth Sunday of Lent** ❧

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Compassionate God,
the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life
for all who long for you.
Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit,
that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom,
and what looks to us to be death
may be revealed as but sleep
before the emergence of new life. Amen.**

Opening Song

Great Are You Lord

*You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only
And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
these bones will sing
Great are You Lord*

The Blessing of our Children

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sharing Our Gifts

Hymn of Praise 641

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

*All the way my Savior leads me
What have I to ask beside
Can I doubt His tender mercy
Who through life has been my Guide
Heav'nly peace divinest comfort
Here by faith in Him to dwell
For I know whate'er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well
For I know whate'er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well*

*All the way my Savior leads me
Cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial
Feeds me with the living bread
Though my weary steps may falter
And my soul athirst may be
Gushing from the Rock before me
Lo a spring of joy I see
Gushing from the Rock before me
Lo a spring of joy I see*

*All the way my Savior leads me
O the fullness of His love
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above
When my spirit clothed immortal
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way*

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
 an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
 and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
 and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
 God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
 he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come and see what the Lord has done,
 the desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease
 to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
 he burns the shields with fire.
He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations,
 I will be exalted in the earth.”
The Lord Almighty is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Song of Comfort

I Have This Hope

*As I walk this great unknown
Questions come and questions go
Was there purpose for the pain
Or did I cry these tears in vain*

*I don't wanna live in fear
I wanna trust that You are near
Trust Your grace can be seen
In both triumph and tragedy*

*I have this hope
In the depths of my soul
In the flood or the fire
You are with me and You won't let go*

*But sometimes my faith feels thin
Like the night will never end
Will You catch every tear
Or will You just leave me here*

*Whatever happens I will not be afraid
'Cause You are closer than this breath that I take
You calm the storm when I hear You call my name
I still believe that one day I'll see Your face*

*I have this hope
In the depths of my soul
In the flood or the fire
You are with me*

Gospel Reading

Brittany McDonald Null

John 11:1-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God

may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid

him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Message

Carol McEntyre

Song of Response

Great I Am

*I wanna be close close to Your side
So Heaven is real and death is a lie
I wanna hear voices of angels above
Singing as one Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee God
Almighty great I Am
I wanna be near, near to Your heart
Loving the world hating the dark
I wanna see dry bones living again
Singing as one, the mountains shake before You
The demons run and flee
At the mention of Your name
King of majesty there is no pow'r in hell
or any who can stand
Before the power and the Presence
of the great I Am The great I Am*

Benediction (unison)

**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 31

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, April 1

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, April 2

7:00 pm Pause for Prayer

Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sunday, April 5

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

On Sunday mornings at 10:15 am, there is corporate Bible Study prior to our 11:15 online service. Tuesdays at 9:30 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm Brittany McDonald Null is hosting *Pause for Prayer*, a fifteen-minute guided prayer using different grounding practices. On Wednesdays at noon, Pastor Carol McEntyre is leading a 30 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.

Palm Sunday – April 5

Next Sunday, April 5 is Palm Sunday. We will be live streaming at 11:15 am on both Facebook Live and Ustream. We invite you to create your own palm leaves. You can use construction paper, printer paper, and markers, even some grass from your yard! Get creative as we usher in Holy Week. During the service, there will be an opportunity to participate in Holy Communion together, we encourage you to bring bread and whatever juice you have as we celebrate together.

Community Art Projects for Palm Sunday and Easter

Beautiful yard, sidewalk, and window art are appearing in neighborhoods everywhere! It is a delight to see people finding ways to bring beauty, hope, and joy into the world while staying at home. With our stay at home order, we wanted to join in with a moment happening all around the city and the country- to bring beauty and encouragement to our community by using what we have. On Palm Sunday we will be participating in the Hosanna Project and on Easter Sunday we will join in the Hallelujah Project.

Hosanna Project:

1. Use what you have (sidewalk chalk, paper, paint, crayons, string, scraps of wood, etc.) to create a "Hosanna" banner/sign/message for Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020.
2. Tag First Baptist on Instagram and Facebook and use the hashtag #athomehosanna

Hallelujah Project:

1. Use what you have (sidewalk chalk, paper, paint, crayons, string, scraps of wood, etc.) to create a "Hallelujah" banner/sign/message for Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.
2. Tag our church on Instagram and Facebook and use the hashtag #athomehallelujah