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Our Worship of God

April 19, 2020

11:15 am

❧ The Heart of the Matter ❧ Easter Sermon Series

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Ramey

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Centering our Hearts as One (responsive)

Holy Living God,
Heartbeat of creation,
help us to take this time to center on you,
for you made us,
you gave us life,
and you continue to be with us
every moment,
every breath,
every step.

**God is our refuge and strength;
an ever present help in trouble.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*At this time, we invite you to light a candle at your place of worship
as a reminder that even in our darkest hour, God is with us.*

Song of Assurance

King of my Heart

Shelby Myers

*Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song*

*You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh*

*Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song*

*You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down*

A Prayer for Cares and Concerns

*Throughout this series, worshipers are invited to bring a “worry stone” to worship.
Take a moment while holding your rock to speak your concerns out loud
and then lay them by the candle as an offering to God.*

Special Music

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Marques J. Ruff, Colleen Ostercamp

arr. Marohnic

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:24-28

But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing our Gifts

Hymn of Praise 248 - He Lives

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him he's always near.*

*He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way,
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of his appearing will come at last.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.*

John 20:19-29

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Song of Confession

Maybe It's Okay

Shelby Myers

*If I didn't know what it hurt like to be broken
Then how would I know what it feels like to be whole
If I didn't know what it cuts like to be rejected
Then I wouldn't know the joy of coming home*

*Maybe it's okay if I'm not okay
'Cause the One who holds the world is holding onto me
Maybe it's all right if I'm not all right 'cause the One who holds the stars
Is holding my whole life*

*If I didn't know what it looked like to be dirty
Then I wouldn't know what it feels like to be clean
If all of my shame hadn't drove me
To hide in the shadows
Then I wouldn't know the beauty of being free*

*Father let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done
Here in my heart as in heaven, Father let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done, here in my heart as in heaven
Now I'm alive in You, I'm bursting at the seams
And now I'm alive and I can see You in everything*

Message

Carol McEntyre

Hymn of Commitment 538

I Need Thee Every Hour

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee,
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee,
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide or life is vain.
I need thee, O I need thee,
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!*

*I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son!
I need thee, O I need thee,
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!*

Benediction (Responsive)

As we close this time together remember:
God is always with you. No matter what you face,
No matter what trials or hardships come your way,
God, the Comforter, is with you.
So, acknowledge your fear and worry
and know it is as true and holy as any feeling,
Including joy and hope and love.
Take heart!

God is our refuge and strength.
This is the heart of the matter.
Amen.

Postlude

Lead on, O King Eternal

arr. Jordan

Worship Notes

King of My Heart, CCLI #7046145, John Mark McMillan Sarah McMillan.

Maybe It's Okay, CCLI # 7112063 Bryan Fowler Darren Mulligan Jonathan Smith.

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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, April 21

8:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour with Pastor Brittany

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

4:00 pm First Kids Connect

Children's Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Wednesday, April 22

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

9:00 pm Midweek Sanity Check for Parents

Sunday, April 26

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

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

6:00 pm Young Adult Check-In

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

Announcements

New Zoom Information

This week, all of our recurring zoom calls have a new link and zoom ID. The old links will no longer work, so if you have them saved into your zoom account you will want to delete them. All of our new links can be found at <http://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/online-gatherings/> and an email with all of the links will be sent out this week. Below is a list of the online gatherings being offered this week. If you have any questions about any of the gatherings, contact Brittany, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation.

- Sunday
 - 10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 - 10:15 am Connections Small Group
 - 10:15 am Discussions Class
 - 10:15 am Youth Small Group
 - 6:00 pm Young Adult Check-in
- Tuesday
 - 8:30 am Coffee Hour with Pastor Brittany
 - 1:00 pm Crafty Critters
 - 4:00 pm First Kids Connect
- Wednesday
 - 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
 - 6:00 pm The Calling Online
 - 6:30 pm Chancel Bells Weekly Gathering
 - 9:00 pm Midweek Sanity Check for Parents

Coffee Hour

Beginning this Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 am, Pastor Brittany McDonald Null will be hosting a Virtual Coffee Hour. These gatherings will have no agenda other than to drop in and say hello! Bring your favorite warm beverage to keep you cozy as we chat awhile. It is come as you are, and leave when you need!

Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490.

If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

First Baptist Scholarships

First Baptist Church is fortunate to have endowments specifically to help with post-high school education expenses. If you are currently enrolled in a course of study and would like to be considered for support, application forms are on our website under the “Resources” tab or by calling the church office. The deadline to submit applications is May 1. Specific scholarships are designated for women in ministry, the helping sciences, and science and engineering, in addition to support for areas outside of those designated.