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Our Worship of God

May 3, 2020

11:15 am

❧ **The Heart of the Matter** ❧ **Easter Sermon Series**

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Let us Break Bread Together

arr. Zabel

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.

**Be still, O heart, you're not alone.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Opening Song

Christ Be All Around Me

*As I rise, strength of God
go before, lift me up
As I wake, eyes of God
look upon, be my sight*

*As I wait, heart of God
satisfy and sustain
As I hear, voice of God
lead me on, be my guide, be my guide*

*Above and below me
Before and behind me
In ev'ry eye that sees me
Christ be all around me
Above and below me
Before and behind me
In ev'ry eye that sees me
Christ be all around me yeah*

*As I go, hand of God
my defense, by my side
As I rest, breath of God
fall upon, bring me peace, bring me peace*

*Oh oh Christ be all around me yeah
Oh oh Christ be all around me yeah*

*Your life Your death Your blood
Was shed for ev'ry moment ev'ry moment*

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.*

Give Me Jesus

Marques J. Ruff and Shelby Myers

*In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus*

*Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus*

*When I am alone
When I am alone
Oh when I am alone
Give me Jesus
Jesus give me Jesus*

*When I come to die
When I come to die
Oh when I come to die
Give me Jesus*

Gospel Reading

Anne Bills

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and

found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Children’s Moment

Lillian Hoell

Sharing our Gifts

Hymn 362

Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.*

*Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!*

Message

Carol McEntyre

Preparation for communion

Come to Us Beloved Stranger
Sung to BEACH SPRING

*Come to us, beloved Stranger,
as you came that Easter day.
Walk with us to our Emmaus,
for we need you still today.
Come to us when we are broken,
when our dearest hopes are lost,
speak to us the prophet's message
you fulfilled upon the cross.*

*Stay with us and give us blessing,
that our hopes again may rise.
Offer us your broken body;
open our unseeing eyes.
Come to us, God's love embodied;
touch our hearts with burning flame.
Risen Christ, once dead, now living,
come to us through joy, through pain.*

*Would we never fail to see you
as you walk with us each day.
As a friend and not a stranger
you would join us on our way.
Help us trust that through your mercy
we can doubt and fear transcend,
and to others be a blessing.
Keep us faithful till life's end!*

Litany for Communion (responsive)

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life together.

It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.

God, you never promised us that way would be clear. You have, however, created us in your image - the image of One who is Wisdom, who is Love, who is Courage. You breathed your life into us with the assurance that we have, within and around us, everything we need to be your faithful people.

Yet we also know that the path is laden with worries and concerns. So we pause now, Holy One, and offer our concerns to you.

Throughout this series, worshipers will be 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.

Though we sometimes act in disregard for your call on our collective life, still you show up with and for us, relentlessly. And so we join with all the saints who have gone before in gratitude for your abiding presence:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and presence
all that is, is full of your glory
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Love**

Sacred is your presence and blessed is Christ with us.

Through the life of Jesus we saw an example of what it means to navigate an uncertain path, practice creative ministry, and face with courage and compassion all the barriers that work against your Spirit on the move.

Jesus lived and breathed a ministry rooted in your Love for all people. He prioritized the lives of those who are suffering and showed us what it looks like to be with and for one another, even under great distress. Though evil attempted to silence his proclamation of an all-inclusive Kin-dom of God, not even death could keep Love from growing.

On the night in which he was arrested, he gathered among friends for a meal.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of Christ with us, and in the assurance of your Love persistent, we offer our lives, our ministries, and our church in the service of your healing work as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on this community and these gifts. Make them a taste of your Kin-dom through Christ with us, that we might leave the Table both nourished by your Love and still hungry for justice for all your people.

Communion

Song of Response

Walk with Me

*Author of the world walk with me
Ruler of the earth walk with me
Calmer of the storm walk with me
Healer of my heart walk with me*

*How I need You how I need You
Oh Jesus walk with me*

*Light for every step walk with me
Giver of each breath walk with me*

*How I love You how I love You
Oh Jesus walk with me*

*In Your presence Lord
There is peace there is rest
In Your presence Lord
There is life that never ends
In Your presence Lord
There is joy there is joy
In Your presence Lord
There is life that never ends*

The Life of the Church

Benediction

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

Just a Closer Walk

arr. Kim

Worship Notes

Come To Us Beloved Stranger, **Tune:** BEACH SPRING **Words:** Edith Sinclair Downing (b. 1922), 1993, 1995, © 1998 Selah Publishing Company, Inc. **Music:** (BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D): Sacred Harp (1844); harm. James Wood, 1958, © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press, admin. Music Services

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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

Monday, May 4

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, May 5

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, May 6

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 Check-In for Parents

Sunday, May 10

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

2:30 pm Awakening Praise Band Gathering

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

Stay Connected

During this period of physical distancing, we believe it is important to stay connected as a church family. First Baptist is offering several opportunities to connect throughout the week. More information 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
 - 2:30 pm Awakening Praise Band Gathering
 - 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 Check-In for Parents

Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. We have a Benevolence Fund, which can respond in times such as these. The Missions Council has also set aside additional funds to provide relief and the church is considering further ways in which we can be of greater assistance. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!

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 Book Club

The next book for the First Baptist Book Club has been selected! Join us in reading *The Sacred Enneagram: Finding Your Unique Path to Spiritual Growth*, by Christopher Heuertz. *The Sacred Enneagram* is a trustworthy, richly insightful guide applying the practical wisdom of the Enneagram for a life transformed. Lies about who we think we are keep us trapped in loops of self-defeat. But this book explores how the enneagram is more than a personality test and offers a bright path to cutting through the internal clutter and finding our way back to God and to our true identity as God created us. The group will have a midpoint check-in on May 12 over Zoom to discuss the first section of the book.

Additionally, FBBC has now launched a Facebook group!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstbaptistbookclub> or search First Baptist CoMo Book Club for weekly discussion questions, fun polls, and current information about meetings.

Attention all Graduates, High School, College, and Beyond!

While we understand that our schools and colleges have had to forego the remainder of their academic year, First Baptist would still like to honor all of our high school and college graduates in a meaningful way. We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to Michael McEntyre by email (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday May 3. For high school students, this includes your name, senior photo, school from which you are graduating, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school from which you are graduating, degree, and future plans.

For all graduates, we are asking that you include a mailing address that can be made available to our congregation to send cards and notes of congratulations. We will feature this information in the Spire and are working on the best way to recognize our graduates during an upcoming webcast.

We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments, so please help us honor all the graduates within our congregation by sending in this important information as soon as possible. In a time when we have missed out on so much, we are asking our church to help us properly recognize this important milestone in the lives of our graduates.