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Our Worship of God

May 10, 2020

11:15 am

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

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."*

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.**

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.*

Praying the Psalms

Noah Hartsfield

Psalm 31: 1-3

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me

A Prayer for Cares and Concerns

*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.*

Holy One, into your care, we offer
our worries, fears and strife.

**You are our refuge and strength;
an ever present help in trouble.**

Sharing our Gifts

Song of Comfort

*Deep inside my heart I know You've won
I know You've overcome
And even in the dark when I'm undone
I still believe it*

*I live by faith and not by sight
Sometimes miracles take time*

*While I wait I will worship
Lord I'll worship Your name
While I wait I will trust You
Lord I'll trust You all the same*

*When I fall apart You are my strength
Help me not forget
Seeing ev'ry scar You make me whole
You're my healer*

*You're faithful ev'ry day Your promises remain
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You're faithful ev'ry day Your promises remain*

*Though I don't understand it
I will worship with my pain
You are God You are worthy
You are with me all the way*

*So while I wait I will worship
Lord I'll worship Your name
Though I don't have all the answers
Still I'll trust You all the same*

While I Wait

John 14:1-14

Jesus taught his disciples many things. "Don't be sad or worried," he said. "Believe in God and in me. God's house in heaven is so big that everyone can have a room. I'm going there to get your rooms ready. Later, I'll come back to take you to God's house. You know the way to where I'm going."

Thomas and Philip looked confused. "What way do you mean?" they asked.

Jesus said, "I'm the way to know God. Because you know me, you know God too. I've taught you about life with God and good things God wants you to do. Pray, ask me for anything, and I'll help you do it."

Thomas and Philip smiled. "We can follow you and do what you ask us to do. You are our way to heaven. We can live in God's house too!"

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Song of Hope

I'm Listening

*When You speak confusion fades
Just a word and suddenly I'm not afraid
'Cause You speak freedom and freedom reigns
There is hope in every single word You say*

*I don't wanna miss one word You speak
'Cause everything You say is life to me
I don't wanna miss one word You speak
Quiet my heart I'm listening*

*When sorrows roll and troubles rage
You whisper peace when I don't have the words to say
I won't lose hope when storms won't break
You keep Your word
And Your promises will keep me safe*

*Your ways are higher
You know just what I need
I trust You Jesus
You see what I cannot see*

Message

No Trouble in My Heart

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Hymn of Response

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!*

*Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.*

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

Serenade

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Worship Notes

How Great Thou Art, Stuart K. Hine, 1949

While I Wait, 2018 Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)), Lincoln Brewster, Mitch Wong, CCLI# 7107364

I'm Listening, 2018 Capitol CMG Genesis (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), Benji Cowart, Chris McClarney, Josh Bronleewe, CCLI# 7107534

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882. Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882.

**The Gospel Reading is from the Spark Story Bible

**"The postlude is dedicated to all the "mothers" I've loved at First Baptist Church" – Colleen Ostercamp

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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, May 12

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

6:00 pm First Baptist Book Club via Zoom

Wednesday, May 13

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 17

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

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
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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 Midpoint Check-In This Tuesday

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 at 6:00 pm 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.