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Our Worship of God

May 17, 2020

11:15 am

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

Prelude

Comfort ye from *Messiah*
David Pelino, *tenor*

G. F. Handel

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.*

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Throughout this series, worshipers will be invited to bring a “worry stone” to worship. Take a moment, while holding your rock, and name the people you would like to pray for today. Then, lay the rock by the candle as a way of placing them into God's care.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing our Gifts

Song of Comfort

You Meet Me Here

Where can I go from Your presence
Where can I run from Your Spirit
You meet me there

Spirit You meet me there
Where can I go from Your presence
Where can I hide from Your Spirit
You find me there
Spirit You find me there

From the highest highs to the lowest lows
From the mountain top to the valley below

You meet me here Spirit You meet me here
You go before me Your love surrounds me
Changing the atmosphere

You don't give up even when I do
You don't walk out when I threaten to
You are steady when I can't be still
Your love finds me and it always will

From the highest highs to the lowest lows
From the mountain top to the valley below
In the darkest night though I try to hide
Even there Your light
Shines bright like the morning

You meet me here Spirit You meet me here
Always embracing never rejecting
Your kindness draws me near

You meet me here

Graduate Recognition

Prayer for the Graduates

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Song of Hope

By Our Love

*Beloved let us come together
Walking in the Spirit
There's much to be done
We will come reaching
Out from our comforts
And they will know us by our love*

*Beloved we were made for kindness
We can pierce the darkness
As He shines through us
We will come reaching
With a song of healing
And they will know us by our love*

*The time is now
Come church arise
Love with Christ's hands
See with his eyes
Bind it around you
Let it never leave you
And they will know us by our love*

*Beloved you are hope for justice
Stand firm in the Truth now
Set your hearts above
You will be reaching
Long after we're gone
And they will know you by your love*

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Hymn of Response

I Will Never Leave You Orphaned *Sung to STUTTGART*

*“I will never leave you orphaned,”
Jesus, you once told your own.
When we’re overwhelmed and frightened,
show us that we’re not alone.*

*Thank you for the Holy Spirit
who is present every day,
giving love that we might share it,
giving us the words to say.*

*In affliction, we find comfort
through our Friend and Help and Guide.
When we’re sad and cannot bear it,
you are with us— by our side.*

*Then, in comfort, we find challenge
As you call your church to be
mercy-bearers, justice-seekers
in your new community.*

*Christ, in comfort and in challenge,
May the church hear what you say:
“I will never leave you orphaned.”
May we trust your word today.*

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

Praise to the Lord

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Worship Notes

You Meet Me Here, Vineyard Worship by Anabeth Morgan, Casey Corum, Jason Dill, John Haas, and Sam Crabtree.

By Our Love, [Christy Nockels] by Christy Nockels

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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 19

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 20

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 21

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
- 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.

(Virtual) Talent Show – June 3

Do you have a talent to share? Are you needing a good dose of fun and laughter? You're in luck -- On June 3, First Baptist will be hosting its first Virtual Talent (or untalent) Show!_On Wednesday night, June 3, at 6:00pm, we'll be sharing on our Vimeo channel and on Facebook page a video of YOU and your big talents, and inviting all who are interested to make dinner to eat together while you watch! If you would have a talent that you'd like to share -- we want to see it! Maybe you have a song to sing, a poem to read, artwork to show, a monologue to act, balls to juggle, a family singalong, a tapdance, now is your chance to share it with your First Baptist Family! -- **Record a video of it in horizontal landscape, and send it by Friday, May 30** to Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org. Note: Some files may be too large to send over email, so Google Drive or Dropbox may work best. If you need assistance with how to share the file, let Brittany know! We look forward to seeing your creativity and talents soon!