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Our Worship of God

May 24, 2020

11:15 am

✠ The Heart of the Matter ✠ Easter Sermon Series

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Opening Hymn 108

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!*

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.

Prayers of 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.

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

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

Song of Praise

You Satisfy My Soul

*You satisfy my soul
You satisfy my soul
You satisfy my soul with Your love*

*You make my heart sing
You lift me on eagles' wings
Just when I thought my heart would faint
You take the darkest night
And turn it to shining light
Just when I thought that the night had won*

*Hallelujah You make all things beautiful
Hallelujah trials and testing proves there's gold Hallelujah
You turn mourning into joy*

Gospel Reading

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Luke 24: 44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Children’s Message

Julie Walker

Sharing our Gifts

Hymn of Praise

Abide With Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens: Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Message

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Song of Response

I Am Loved

*Just as I am
You welcome me
With open arms
How can this be
My guilt is undone
My past is untethered
I leave it behind
And run to my God
 There is no disappointment in Your eyes
 There is no shame there is only pride
 I am loved
 God I'm loved by You
So unreserved
Your heart for me
My fear is gone
I am set free
There's nothing to hide
There's nothing to measure
'Cause I am Your child
And that's all that matters
 There is no distance in Your embrace
 Over and over again You say
 I am loved
 God I'm loved by You
 I am loved
 God I'm loved by You*

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Hobson

Worship Notes

Come Christians Join to Sing, Words: Christian H. Bateman, 1843. Music: Traditional Spanish Melody, arr. David Evans, 1927.

You Satisfy My Soul, [Laura Hackett Park] by Laura Hackett

I Am Loved, [Default Arrangement] by Jonathan Smith, Jason Ingram, and Mack Brock

Abide With Me, Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1847. Music: William H. Monk, 1861

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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 25

Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 26

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

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 27

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 28

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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 - 1:00 pm Crafty Critters
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 - 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!

Parking Lot Resurfacing – May 26 and 27

We are excited to announce that we are planning to have our parking lot repaired and resurfaced on May 26 and 27 (weather allowing). These improvements will enhance the safety of our lot and better serve our community. To accomplish this needed update, our lot will be closed for all parking on Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27.