



BE LOVED

BE KIND

BE YOU

Our Worship of God

August 2, 2020

11:15 am

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship (responsive)

God of Jubilee, God of freedom,
from oppression and healing for the afflicted,
we gather to share your Good News.

We gather to be transformed as the world is changed.

In this time of worship,

may we be fed in body and soul,

As we sing and pray,

as we break the bread and pour the cup,

may the Spirit of the Lord fall upon us,

may we be refreshed, anointed, and empowered.

And when our time of worship is ended,

send us back out into the world to proclaim the Good News in every season.

We pray in the name and memory of Jesus,

our Rock and Redeemer,

our Teacher and Guide,

in whom we find the path that leads to the Kingdom. **Amen.**

Opening Song

Every Season

Every evening sky an invitation

To trace the patterned stars

And early in July a celebration

For freedom that is ours

And I notice You in children's games

In those who watch them from the shade

Every drop of sun is full of fun and wonder

You are summer

*And even when the trees have just surrendered
To the harvest time
Forfeiting their leaves in late September
And sending us inside
Still I notice You when change begins
And I am braced for cold winds
I will offer thanks
For what has been and what's to come
You are autumn*

*And everything in time and under heaven
Finally falls asleep
Wrapped in blankets white
All creation shivers underneath
And still I notice You when branches crack
And in my breath on frosted glass
Even now in death
You open doors for life to enter
You are winter*

*And everything that's new
Has bravely surfaced
Teaching us to breathe
And what was frozen through is newly purposed
Turning all things green
So it is with You
And how You make me new
With every season's change
And so it will be
As You are recreating me
Summer autumn winter spring*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*At this time, we invite you to light a candle at your place of worship
as a reminder of God's presence with us.*

Scripture Reading

Eli Marchbanks

Leviticus 25: 1-4a, 10

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the Lord. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land...

And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family.

Luke 4:16-19

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Moment

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Joyful Spirit,
Your loving hands are always creating freedom, release, and fresh starts!
Help us do the same today by caring for all living things
with gentleness and care.
Open us to humbly receive that same care ourselves.
Make our hearts smile and our actions sing
with your promise of abundance toward the whole world. **Amen!**

Sharing Our Gifts

Hymn of Reflection

What is the World Like

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
Watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
Tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.*

*These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
Filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
This is a new world where God's will is done.*

Message

Carol McEntyre

Preparation for Communion

Come to the Table

*We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in*

*Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us*

*(He said) come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
(Come to the table)*

*Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you
You can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near*

*To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the pris'ner and the soldier
To the young and to the older
All who hunger all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who've failed you've been forgiven
All who dream and all who suffer
All who've loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free
All who follow all who lead
Anyone who's been let down
All the lost you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong
To ev'ryone who hears this song*

Communion

Hymn of Response 578

Come, All Christians Be Committed

*Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;
Make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.*

*Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;
In your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.*

*Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;
Worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.*

Life of the Church

Benediction (responsive)

God of Compassion and grace,
 Of jubilee and fresh starts,
As we move from this space,
 And our places of worship,
Open our eyes to see and our hearts to receive,
 Your compassion which makes all things right.

Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.

arr. C. Berry

Worship Notes

☞ Please join us in welcoming ☞
- Amy Johns -
*Our new Director of Music for
Traditional Worship!*

Amy Johns

Welcome to Amy Johns, our new Director of Music for Traditional Worship. Amy is also currently the Coordinator of Music at Columbia College where she teaches a wide range of music classes for music and non-music majors, develops curriculum, assists with show production, and advises students. Her full-time role at Columbia College began in the Fall of 2016. Prior to this she served as an Adjunct Instructor at Columbia College from 2006 until 2016. Amy received a master's degree in Vocal Performance in 2005 and a bachelor's degree in Music in 1996, both from the University of Missouri in Columbia. In addition to her music education and teaching skills, Amy also has experience in the church. She served as part time Director of Music at First Christian Church in Centralia, MO from 2005 to 2009 where she directed the Chancel Choir, led congregational singing, provided solo special music, and coordinated two cantatas a year.

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Thank you for worshipping 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

Sunday, August 2

- 1:00 pm Business Meeting via Zoom
- 4:00 pm Compassion Camp Drive-Thru Closing

Tuesday, August 4

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

Wednesday, August 5

- 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
- 6:00 pm The Calling Online
Online Zoom meeting with Pastor Michael McEntyre

Sunday, August 9

- 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

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

Announcements

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.

Business Meeting via Zoom – Today at 1pm

Today at 1 pm, join us for the Church Business Meeting via Zoom. We will hear an update for our Missions Team, from the Church Treasurer about how the church is doing financially during the pandemic, and from our Trustees about the church parking lot and other projects around the building.

Time: Aug 2, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82926141105?pwd=QlowcVFyZENiRnFmaTZzTUJkK2c4UT09>

Meeting ID: 829 2614 1105

Password: FBC

One tap mobile:

+13126266799 US (Chicago)

Compassion Camp Drive-Thru Closing – Today from 4-5 pm

Today marks the official end of Compassion Camp! We have had an incredible 5 weeks of growing in compassion with each other. Today, from 4-5 pm Compassion Camp will host a Drive Thru Closing. Campers can trade in their mural piece for their t-shirt, take a picture in front of our photo booth, and wave at Ms. Lillian and Pastor Brittany as we conclude Compassion Camp. Campers are encouraged to make a sign or flag to wave from their car as we celebrate compassion together!

Worship Service Options Beginning August 9

We are excited to announce that beginning Sunday, August 9 at 9:15 am, we are planning to host in-person worship services on the front lawn of the church building. Since March, the Church Council has met regularly to discuss the possibility of resuming in-person worship. A growing consensus exists among experts, which suggests if Americans are going to leave their homes, it is safer to be outside than indoors where fresh air and more space between people can help mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, since the HVAC systems in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall only recirculate air, simply sucking the air in from the room, cooling it and then, pushing it back out into the room, we feel even with social distancing measures it is not our best option at this time. Based on these factors and the uptick of COVID-19 cases in Columbia, the Church Council believes gathering outdoors on the front lawn is the safest option for now.

We are excited about the opportunity to gather in-person and plan to host outdoor services each Sunday (weather permitting) at 9:15 am beginning August 9. We will rotate the music leadership of the service every few weeks to allow for a variety of musical styles to be experienced in-person. Our 11:15 am service will continue to be tailored to an online experience and will also rotate the music leadership of that service to complement and allow for our in-person service. The guidelines for in-person gatherings on the front lawn will apply to the 9:15 am worship services as well. We understand that despite all our precautions, in-person gathering still elevate risks of exposure and encourage our church members to make choices based on what is best for you and your family.

Guest Speaker – Conversation on Christian Nationalism

August 9 & 16

On August 9 and 16 at 10:15 am via zoom, Brian Kaylor will be our guest speaker for a conversation on Christian Nationalism. Christian Nationalism is an ideology, which seeks to merge Christian and American identities and in doing so, distorts both the Christian faith and America's constitutional democracy. Christian Nationalism equates being a Christian with being an American and asserts that Christianity should be privileged by the State over other religions. Christian Nationalism implies that to be a good American, one must be Christian.

In the last few years, we have seen a rise in legislation around the country, and in Missouri, which attempts to advance the cause of Christian Nationalism. Some Christians have launched an effort known as "Project Blitz" in hopes of fusing Christianity and American Civic Life. Lawmakers in more than a dozen states used model bills from *Project Blitz*, on topics like encouraging classes on "Bible literacy" in public schools and mandating public schools post "In God We Trust." In April of 2019, our Pastor Carol McEntyre testified in Jefferson City against one of these bills, a biblical literacy bill, which encourages public schools to teach the Bible. Baptists have historically stood for religious liberty for all, and believed that everyone should be free to practice their faith or to have no faith if they so choose. Faith should never be coerced. We hope you will join us for this important conversation about religious liberty for all!

- *Brian Kaylor is editor & president of Word&Way, associate director of Churchnet, and author of four books on religion, politics, and communication. He graduated with an M.A. and Ph.D. in political communication from the University of Missouri.*

First Baptist Book Club – Tuesday, August 11

First Baptist's Book Club has selected *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. Austin is an activist, a writer, a speaker, and a media producer providing inspired leadership on racial justice in America. In *I'm Still Here*, Brown offers an eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America's love affair with "diversity" so often falls short of its ideals. The book club will meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm on August 11 to discuss the first 6 chapters. Email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org for the Zoom link.

The Color of Compromise Study Expands and Resumes

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, a small group was meeting to talk about *The Color of Compromise* a book and video study by Jemar Tisby, which takes readers on a historical journey: from America's early colonial days through slavery and the Civil War, covering the tragedy of Jim Crow laws and the victories of the Civil Rights era, to today's Black Lives Matter movement. Author Jemar Tisby reveals the obvious—and the far more subtle—ways the American church has compromised what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality.

The group lead by Lynne Lampe and Julie Walker are planning to restart their discussion of *The Color of Compromise* in August via Zoom. They are also planning to do some research on racism in Columbia and First Baptist's response throughout the years. If you would like to join the discussion, purchase the book on your own, begin reading, then email Lynne at llampe.editor@gmail.com. To allow for maximum participation, the group is not planning to meet during Sunday Morning Small Group hour and will pick another day and time for the four sessions, to be determined by those who choose to participate.

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!