



Our Worship of God

August 30, 2020

9:15 am

- Outdoor Service -

Prelude

Colleen Ostercamp, *keyboard music*

Welcome

†Call to Worship (responsive)

There are so many directions in which we are being pulled.

We struggle and hope that we have chosen the right way.

Some of these paths are falsely enticing and others dangerous.

How can we know what to do?

Look to Jesus! He will be your guide and Holy Spirit will guard your life.

**I am going to follow Jesus. He is the example of compassion,
healing and hope.**

†Opening Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.*

*Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:15-17, 21-24

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”

But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn of Praise

God of Grace and God of Glory

*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 sin, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing our Gifts

Special Music

O God of Love, O Power of Peace
-Scholarship singers-
Truman Butler, Josh Engle,
Taylor Stewart, Mariah Dale

*O God of love, O Power of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease.
The wrath of human sin restrain—
Give peace, O God, give peace again!*

*Whom shall we trust, O God, but you,
Where rest but on your word so true?
None ever called on you in vain—
Give peace, O God, give peace again!*

*Where saints and angels dwell above,
All hearts are joined in holy love.
O bind us in that heav'nly chain—
Give peace, O God, give peace again!*

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment

O God of Every Nation

*O God of every nation, of every race and land,
Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.*

*From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
From pride of race and nation and blindness to your way,
Deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!*

*Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find release
From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.*

*Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.*

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

Colleen Ostercamp, *keyboard music*

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8381/new-worship-connection-september-3-2017>

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, Words & Music: Anonymous

God of Grace and God of Glory, Words: Harry E. Fosdick, 1930. Music: John Hughes, 1907.

O God of Love, O Power of Peace, Words: Henry Baker, 1861. Music: Robert Schumann, 1839.

O God of Every Nation, ©1958 The Hymn Society. Words: William W. Reid, Jr., 1958. Music: Traditional Welsh melody.

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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

Monday, August 31

7:00 pm First Baptist Book Club via Zoom

Tuesday, September 1

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

5:30 pm Church Council Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 2

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:00 pm The Calling Online

Online Zoom meeting with Pastor Michael McEntyre

Sunday, September 6 -Promotion Sunday

9:15 am Worship Service on the Front Lawn with Awakening Worship Team

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

11:15 am Online Worship Service with Traditional Worship Team

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.

New Sermon Series – September 13

Things I Wish I Would Have Said About the Pandemic Back in March but I Didn't Know Them Yet

As your pastor, there are some things I wish I had said back in March when the pandemic began, but spiritual insight and perspective often takes time to percolate. With no end in sight, there is still time to talk about a Christian response. Here are some of the questions that I have been reflecting on these last few months: How does our relationship with Jesus change our response to the pandemic? In what ways can our spirituality carry us through the pandemic? What will life be like on the other side? I hope you will join us for this sermon series, as we reflect together on what we are learning during the pandemic and how we want to live going forward.

Zoom at Noon Emails

Please email the office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org to be added to the emails for the Zoom at Noon group that meets Wednesdays at noon with Pastor Carol.

Back to School Blessing - September 6

We know this year is going to look a lot different than before and blessing backpacks may have a bit of a different feel. But we still want to be able to offer a blessing - even if the parade of students with backpacks won't be in our sanctuary. Here's what we need from you! If you have a student, whether in First Kids or Student Ministry, send Pastor Brittany a short video with your students (or your WHOLE FAMILY!) waving, jumping, holding their backpacks or devices by Wednesday, September 2. Don't worry about sound - there will be music playing. Then, on Sunday, September 6, which will be Promotion Sunday, we will play it during the 11:15 am online service and post it on our Facebook page for those who attend the in-person worship. We can't wait to see all of your smiling faces (even if on a screen)!

First Baptist Book Club

The First Baptist Book Club will conclude their discussion on *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown on August 31 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join, email Brittany for the Zoom link.

Fall Book Study - *Everything Must Change* by Brian D. McLaren

In September, Pastor Carol McEntyre will be facilitating a discussion of the book *Everything Must Change* by Brian McLaren. We invite you to read the book and then, join a Zoom Meeting for a discussion. Depending on how many people want to join us, we might have one or two groups meeting. We might have one group meeting via Zoom and another group meeting in-person on the front lawn, while wearing masks and physically distancing. If you want to join the discussion, first go ahead and order your own copy of *Everything Must Change*, have it shipped to your house and begin reading. Then, email Pastor Carol at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org and let her know you plan to join the study. When she has a good list of people who are interested, she will send out a poll and determine how many groups we will have for discussion and if we will meet online or in-person.

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. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!

