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Our Worship of God

September 13, 2020

11:15 am

- Online Service -

Welcome

Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Psalm 78:1-4

We gather together to remember,
to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God—
stories we have heard many times before,
and passed down from generation to generation;
stories of faithfulness and love,
of mercy and compassion,
of unity without uniformity,
of miracles and new life.

We tell these stories over and over so we don't forget.

We tell these stories to remember we are called to community.

We tell these stories to remind ourselves that our interconnectedness is essential to our wellbeing.

We tell these stories to remember who we are—people of God.

Let's worship together!

Opening Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.*

*The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.*

*O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.*

Scripture Reading: Love One Another (responsive)

Brittany McDonald Null

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. (*John 13:34*)

Be at peace with one another. (*Mark 9:50*)

Love one another with mutual affection. (*Rom. 12:10*)

**Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.** (*Rom. 15:7*)

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. (*Eph. 5:21*)

**Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law
of Christ.** (*Gal. 6:2*)

These are the words of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing Our Gifts

Hymn of Praise

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
God who has brought us thus far on the way;
God, who by your might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you;
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.*

Renewal of our Church Covenant (unison)

Because we have responded to Christ's call to follow him as disciples and because we find this calling too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,

We covenant together to support and to pray for one another without ceasing; to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes, and caring in all our dealings with one another; to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves and our life together, mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.

Moreover, we covenant to give first priority to our times of public worship and learning; to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving, faithful service and personal witness; to live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith; and to seek each other's forgiveness and God's when we fail to honor this covenant, trusting God's Spirit to renew us in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.

Hymn of Response

The Servant Song

*We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ light for you, in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

*I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, 'til we've seen this journey thro'.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

Holy Holy Holy
Colleen Ostercanp, *Organ*

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Worship Notes

Call to Worship, ~ based on Psalm 78:1-4, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/contemporary-call-to-worship-september.html>

All People That on Earth Do Dwell, Words: Psalm 100; vers. William Kethe, 1560. Music: Louis Bourgeois, *Genvan Psalter*, 1551.

Lift Every Voice and Sing, Words: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921. Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE

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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

Tuesday, September 15

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

Wednesday, September 16

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:00 pm The Calling on the Lawn

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Sunday, September 20

9:15 am Worship Service on the Front Lawn

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

10:30 am Student Ministry Group online

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*

5:00 pm *Everything Must Change* Book Study on the Lawn

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

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.

Senior Adults – Let's Stay Connected!

This time of social distancing has been particularly hard on senior adults, especially those who live alone. We all need socialization, and the pandemic has led to low-level depression and feelings of isolation. Therefore, we want to make sure that you feel supported by your church during this time and that you can stay connected.

Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol has become a wonderful time for conversation and fellowship. Zoom is a computer program used to hold online meetings and gatherings. You can use Zoom on a smartphone, a tablet, a laptop, or a desktop computer (as long as you have an internet connection, camera, speakers, and a microphone). We know the technology might be intimidating, but we would love for you to join us. If you would like to try and get connected through Zoom and do not know how, we can send someone to your house to help you set up the technology. Let us know if you need help figuring out the technology. You can email Carol at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or call at 573-303-4987.

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

The *Everything Must Change* book study is set to begin! The in-person group will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm on the front lawn of the church beginning this evening. Please bring a mask and a lawn chair and join us for the discussion.

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!