



Practicing Presence

AN INVITATION
TO PRAYER

Our Worship of God

October 25, 2020

11:15 am

- Outdoor Service -

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Opening Hymn 70

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

*God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him
And exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.*

*God is Love; and love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self same aching
Deep within the heart of God.*

*God is Love; and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal lovingkindness
Guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love forever
O'er the universe must reign.*

†**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32:1-7

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

Litany for Forgiving Others (responsive)

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

God, it is our nature to keep record of wrongs.

It is your nature to forgive.

We tend to let wounds fester.

You offer light, air, and healing.

We tend to get stuck in bitterness and pain.

You embody freedom.

Come now, into the places where our hearts have been wounded

Where we have been betrayed or abandoned

Or disrespected

Or overlooked

Or kicked while we're down

Or stolen from

Or slandered

Or misunderstood.

Come now, into the dark parts of us that want revenge

That want to grind axes,

That want our enemies to suffer

That want to keep a list of grievances

That want to prove how strong we are

That want to defend ourselves.

Replace our pride and bitterness

With superhuman love.

This is hard work for us:

Becoming like you

Turning the other cheek

Making ourselves vulnerable.

It's why we need you so much -

Because we are weak.

We need you to move mountains for us:

Mountains of pain and resentment.

Strength, wholeness, and redemption

Life, peace, and resurrection

Are in forgiveness;

And in forgiving, we are forgiven. Amen.

Sharing our Gifts

Anthem

Like the Gentle Rain
Chancel Choir

by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Hymn of Reflection 486

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.*

*There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.*

Practicing Presence: Prayer of Examine

1. Become Aware of God's Presence
2. Give Thanks
3. Recognize My Faults
4. Restoration or Forgiveness
5. Look Toward Tomorrow

†Hymn of Response 584

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting yielded and still.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power—all power—surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!*

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Postlude

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Worship Notes

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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, October 27

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

Wednesday, October 28

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:00 pm Youth Wednesday Night Campfire at the Stubbs'

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1

TBD Online Worship Service

Stream the worship service by clicking "Watch Us Live" from link at the top of our website

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

10:30 am Student Ministry Group online

5:00 pm Christian Mindfulness Zoom

Session One

Title: Renewal of the Mind

Topic: Christian mindfulness defined

Practice: body scan practice

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.

Trunk or Treat – Today, October 25 at 4:00 pm

Join us in the First Baptist Parking Lot for an inaugural (and hopefully only) social distanced Trunk-or-Treat! The pandemic has added a new layer to Halloween, and First Families wants to provide a fun and safe way for the young and young at heart to dress up and indulge on the much anticipated Halloween candy. In order to maintain social distancing, cars will be spaced throughout the parking lot to provide adequate distance and children will be asked to move in family units in between cars. For a new level of excitement, we are thrilled to introduce the Golden Pumpkin! The Golden Pumpkin will be awarded to the car that can most creatively deliver their candy from 6 feet away. We look forward to seeing your fun costumes and creative ways to minister to our families this season!

Youth Campfire This Wednesday, October 28

Since we won't be able to gather at the McEntyre's house for our annual Halloween hauntings this year, we're happy to announce a fun alternative. On Wednesday, October 28, all of our students are invited to a bonfire from 6-7:30pm at Jack and Thad Stubbs' house in Ashland, MO (parents are welcome to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the evening as well). Individual snacks will be provided for each student (including S'mores) and there will be plenty of outdoor activities to keep us busy. It's sure to be a treat. Watch your emails for directions.

All Saints' Day - Sunday, November 1

On Sunday, November 1, we will have a moment of remembrance during worship. All Saints' is a day to remember the lives of those who have passed away. We will honor those in our church family who have died this past year and you will be given the opportunity to honor your friends or family members who have died this past year.

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

The Sanctuary is now open for prayer and personal reflection on Mondays from 9 am-5 pm. One person or family at a time may sign up for a 30-minute time slot by contacting the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org or phone 573-442-1149.

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!

Christian Mindfulness – Sunday Evenings Starting November 1

Beginning Sunday, November 1 at 5:00 pm, Dr. Irene Kraegel is going to be with us via Zoom for 4 workshops called *Present to God: Christian Mindfulness Worship*. Grounded in Biblical theology, mindfulness theory, and clinical psychology, this series of four workshops, which Irene Kraegel will present, provides practical mindfulness experience that will equip participants to manage unpleasant emotions effectively and to fully engage with the life God has provided. The workshop is created to be down-to-earth in tone, engaging both the hearts and minds of participants - a great gift to people looking for mental health tools that can be applied within their journey of Christian discipleship. You do not need to register. The link will be sent out each Thursday before a session.