

Our Worship of God

June 21, 2015

11:15 am

(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand.)

"May we never forget that in the service to the poor we are offered a magnificent opportunity to do something beautiful for God. In fact, when we give ourselves with all our hearts to the poor, it is Christ whom we are serving in their disfigured faces. For He Himself said, 'You did it for me.'" —Mother Teresa

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Spanish Praise Chancel Bells Ryan Borden, percussion arr. Morris

#### **Call to Worship (responsive)**

We gather to worship God, *Who creates us and loves us;*Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community; *Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;*Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages, *To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;*Who encourages us to help those who are in need, *The poor, the hurting, the sad, the lonely, the outcasts.*Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all, *and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.*We gather to worship God. *To God be all glory, honor, and praise!*

> (Adapted from the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website.)

**Processional Hymn 745** 

Jesus Shall Reign

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

**Passing the Peace of Christ** 

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

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Anthem

Gentle Voice Matt Pierce, cello **Scripture Reading** 

Claude Mwitira

Deuteronomy 15:1-11 *Open your hand to the poor and needy.* 

> The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

15 Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. 2 And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it of a neighbor who is a member of the community, because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed. 3 Of a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. 4 There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, 5 if only you will obey the Lord your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. 6 When the Lord your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

7 If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. 8 You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. 9 Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. 10 Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. 11 Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

Dengler

#### Praying for a World without Poverty

As you once said, Lord Jesus, the poor are always with us. Overseas and in our land, in crowded refugee camps and sleeping on our city streets. The poor. Your much-loved poor.

Some are poor by their foolishness, some by calamity, and many because of the greed of the rich and the indifference of the comfortable.

Christ have mercy on us all. Give us the political will and know-how to lessen the injustices that perpetuate poverty. Bless the efforts of the religious and secular agencies who reach out with disciplined compassion. Prompt each of us to do whatever seems possible and then to prayerfully consider what more can be done.

In the meantime, while we are now praying, touch the lives of your children who are in poverty; bless and sustain them, we pray. For your love's sake. Amen.

(Praying for a World Without Poverty, by Bruce Prewer, www.bruceprewer.com.)

#### **+**Gospel Acclamation



### **+**Gospel Reading

Claude Mwitira

Mark 14:3-9 She has done what she could.

#### The Gospel of our Lord. *Praise be to Christ.*

3 While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. 4 But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."



#### Message

**Mission Report** 

**Prayer for Ministry Partner** 

+Hymn of Commitment

Mid-Missouri Food Bank Travis Sappington

Michael McEntyre

The Servant Song Sung to BEACH SPRING

We are trav'lers 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 night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, 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. Brother, 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, till we've seen this journey through. 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.

#### **+Offertory Sentence**

Offertory	God, the Father, Be Our Stay	Manz
+Benediction		
Postlude		

#### Carol McEntyre

# June is Local Mission Emphasis Month

This June we are setting aside time in our worship services to focus on our local missions efforts with some of our amazing ministry partners right here in town. You will have the opportunity to learn about many of the organizations that are working alongside churches here in Columbia to make a difference for God's Kingdom. We have invited representatives from Voluntary Action Center, Love INC, Room at the Inn, and the Food Bank to celebrate their work with us during our worship services. We will also have tables set up with information about these ministries and ways you can get involved. We hope you will join us this June as we celebrate what God is up to in our community.

June 21- Representative from the Food Bank June 28- Yvonne Chamberlain from RATI

# Outdoor Baptism Opportunity

**Today** at 3:00 pm, First Baptist will hold an outdoor baptism at Hulen Lake. Baptism marks a person's entrance into the Christian faith and identifies that person with Christ and the Church. The Hulen Lake Shelter is just near the corner of Martin Dr. and Bourn Ave. Shall we gather at the river?

# Youth Camp — Parent Meeting

There will be a brief parent meeting after Traditional worship on **June 28** in the Youth Suite. Please remember that camp forms and final payments are due by **June 21**.

# Summer Book Club

First Baptist Teaching Team is sponsoring Summer Book Club. The Teaching Team is recommending 3 books for you to read this summer: Introducing the Missional Church, A New Kind of Christian, and The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion. The idea is for everyone to read at their own pace, over the summer and then, in the fall, we will have potluck book discussions about the readings. The church has ordered copies of the books, which are on sale on Sundays, in the Children's Building hallway, for just \$10 each.

# Fellowship Adventures

If you have never seen PUMP BOYS AND DINETTE"S here is your chance! On **July 18** we are heading North to Macon for a 2:00 pm performance at Maple Theater followed by dinner at AJ's, formerly Pear Tree. Expect to be back around 9:30 pm that evening. We will take a van/car pool. The cost is \$24 per person, plus your meal cost. If less than 12 people sign up, the ticket cost will be \$27. **RSVP by July 10** if you can participate. Email Paula Thomas at paulalou52@gmail.com or call 875-1904 to join!

Thank you, Paula, Pam, Lisa your Fellowship Team!

# New Keycards

This week our computerized door control system is being updated. All keycards currently being utilized will no longer function with the new system. Any keycards returned will be recycled. New keycards will soon be available for those who need access to the facilities for meetings, rehearsals, etc. Please contact Madison Reynolds in the church office to reserve a new keycard.

### Week At-A-Glance

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Sunday, June 21

Happy Father's Day 9:15 am Awakening Worship Fellowship Hall 10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups 2nd floor classrooms 11:15 am Traditional Worship Sanctuary 3:00 pm Outdoor Baptism Hulen Lake 5:00 pm African Worship Fellowship Hall

> Monday, June 22 9:00 am Senior Yoga Parlor 6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

# Sunday, June 28

9:15 am Awakening Worship Fellowship Hall 10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups 2nd floor classrooms 11:15 am Traditional Worship Sanctuary 5:00 pm African Worship Fellowship Hall **Nursery:** (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

**Extended Session:** children ages 3-5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

#### **10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:**

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor. Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor. Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor. Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator. Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches, USA, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.

To view the live webcast of either of our worship services, go to www.ustream.tv. Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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