



First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

July 5, 2015

11:15 am

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

Greeting

Michael McEntyre

Prelude

Sinfonia XI

Bach

Call to Worship (unison)

*We gather together to worship God,
who comes to us when we least expect it,
who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives
and invites us to join in the adventure of faith.
Let's worship God together!*

†Processional Hymn 419

God of Our Fathers

(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.*

Prayer for Youth as they go to Camp

Ed Rollins

Scripture Reading

Cheryl Brewer

Acts 10:10-29

I have never eaten anything unclean.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. 11 He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. 12 In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. 13 Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” 14 But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” 15 The voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” 16 This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

17 Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon’s house and were standing by the gate. 18 They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying

there. 19 While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, three[a] men are searching for you. 20 Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.” 21 So Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?” 22 They answered, “Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” 23 So Peter[b] invited them in and gave them lodging.

The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers[c] from Joppa accompanied him. 24 The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 On Peter’s arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. 26 But Peter made him get up, saying, “Stand up; I am only a mortal.” 27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; 28 and he said to them, “You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?”

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Ed Rollins

Merciful God, we celebrate the way that you chose to bring unity and peace to people—through the gift of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He broke down longstanding walls of prejudice and hostility between Jew and Gentile, male and female, slave and free. He abolished rules that restricted life and replaced them with the new commandment to love as he did. Where have we gone astray? Walls of prejudice still exist and barriers of racism still hold people back from reaching their true potential. We hear the great message of Jesus reconciling people

to you, O God, and to one another, and yet we still hesitate to reach out to people when they are different in some way from us.

Forgive us when we create barriers rather than tear them down.

Jesus has made us members of the household of God and he holds us together through the power of his Spirit. Maybe it is because we like to do things the way that we've always done them that creates barriers and excludes strangers, preventing them from ever having the opportunity to experience the reconciling power of Jesus in their lives.

Forgive us when we fail to take risks for the gospel's sake.

We remember with gratitude how people shared their faith with us so that we are no longer strangers. So we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bind us together in love and peace, building us up as a witnessing, welcoming and forgiving community of grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

“In Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. In him we have been reconciled to God through the cross, made citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” Hear then, the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Michael McEntyre

Acts 10:33-43

Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

33 Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.”

Gentiles Hear the Good News

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

†Hymn 697

In Christ There Is No East or West

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
White

*“Forgive our sins as we forgive” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

*How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew,
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.*

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Scripture Reading

Cheryl Brewer

Acts 10:44-48

These gentiles have been given the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on

the Gentiles, 46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47 “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Message

Rethinking the Reality Show

Ed Rollins

Look Who Gathers

(see music on next page)

Gathering at the Table of Our Lord

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Bread Broken, The Cup Shared

†Hymn of Commitment 239

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

†Benediction and Dismissal

Postlude

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

arr. Carter

Look Who Gathers

Notes

Thomas H. Troeger

Michael Corzine



All: Look who ga - thers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries that they bring.
S/A: Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble, an - cient fol - low - ers ap - pear,
T/B: Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand dif - ferent ways,
All: Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to be sur - prised



Some are weep - ing, some are laugh - ing, some have songs they want to sing.
saints con - fes - sing how they wres - tled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
but they share one thing in com - mon: they all end in thanks and praise
by the host whose hands are wound - ed, who will o - pen wide your eyes



Oth - ers ask why they're in - vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done.
Pe - ter tells of his de - ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight,
for the host who has in - vit - ed north and south and east and west
when he bles - ses bread and breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—



Christ in - sists they all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
Paul re - lates his fruit - less ef - forts to o - blit - er - ate the light.
to con - verge a - round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
and then pas - ses wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Announcements

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

Dear Participants and anyone else who still wants to attend the musical *Pump Boys and Dinettes* at the Maple Theater in Macon, MO: Please send in your check for \$24.00 (made out to First Baptist Church) to the church office by **July 16**. I would like all the money in before we have to make our final payment.

Details: **Meet at First Baptist at 12:15 pm on July 18**; we'll be on the road by 12:30 pm. It takes about an hour to drive to Macon, so we will get there by 1:30 pm and the show is at 2:00 pm. The show runs about 2 hours so we will be out by 4:00 pm and to AJ's for dinner by 4:30 pm. Dinner should be over by 6:00 pm and we anticipate being back to the church parking lot by 7:00 pm.

There are still five seats open; any unclaimed seats will be released on the 16th. Thank you and see you on the 18th!

– Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, July 5

- 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

Monday, July 6

- Youth at Camp through July 11
- 9:00 am **Senior Yoga** Parlor
- 6:30 pm **Praise Band Rehearsal** Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 7

- 2:00 pm **Communion Service** The Terrace

Friday, July 10

- 10:30 am **Eat, Pray, Sew** 2nd Floor Conference Room (E2-2)

Sunday, July 12

- 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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