



RISK SOMETHING FOR GOD



MARK 8:34-35

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,
will save it.

Our Worship of God

February 7, 2016

11:15 am

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

— Transfiguration Sunday —

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

arr. Wold

Invocation (responsive)

Oh, God of love, power and faithfulness,
We hear the words of your son,
 “Take up your cross and follow me,”
But we aren’t sure if it’s the crosses of this life,
or the actual cross of death.

We hear his words,
 “deny your self,”
and wonder which self it is;
the self we put on for others,
or the self centered self
that wants it all for ourselves?

Whichever it is,

it seems like Jesus
is asking a lot of us
and we aren’t sure we can do this.

God, we will need your holy spirit
to be able to do this.

*We will need your grace and mercy
to be able to do this.*

We remember
that you empowered your disciples,
the early Christians,
and others who decided to follow you,
we believe that you will do likewise for us. Amen.

† Processional Hymn 292

Lift High the Cross

(Omit Stanza 2)

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

† Passing of the Peace

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

Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Sjolund

(The text may be found on page 100 in our hymnal.)

Gospel Reading

Mark Thomas

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Prayer: The Cross (unison)

*The “cross.”
The word is almost too big.
We can’t get our arms around it.*

Its meaning staggers us.

*But we hear you calling.
We see you motioning us to follow,
and we want to fall in step beside you.*

*When we are exhausted, raise us to walk again.
When we stumble, help us up.
When we want to turn back, keep encouraging us.*

*Grant us patience to smooth the way
for the advent of your reign.
Grant us hope that we may not be weary
in working for your peace for all people.*

*May we take seriously the meaning of your cross,
as we take up ours,
standing beside each other,
daring one another to take the risks you ask
so that together we can live out your mission in the world. Amen.*

†Hymn 710

We Are Called

†Offertory Sentence (responsive)

Eternal God, holy and faithful,
what can we give in return for our life?

*Teach us to take up the cross of Christ
with grateful hearts and humble spirits,
offering all for the sake of the gospel,
so that we may receive life in fullness;
through Christ, who is coming in glory. Amen.*

†Benediction (responsive)

From where we are
to where you need us

Jesus now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal

Jesus now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of the world
until it resembles the shape of your Kingdom

Jesus now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God

Jesus now lead on.

Postlude

Worship Notes

- Invocation - written by Rev. Abi, and posted on Rev. Abi's Long and Winding Road blog.
- The Cross - by Sharlande Sledge in her book Prayers & Litanies for the Christian Seasons.
- Wherever He Leads, I'll Go - Words and Music: B.B. McKinney 1886-1952. Copyright 1936. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-707314. Used by permission.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 7

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

[Student Activities will not meet today.]

5:00 pm African Worship Service (in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 8

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study

Parlor

Tuesday, February 9

6:30 pm Room at the Inn Training

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 10

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm UMKC Conservatory Concert Choir

Sanctuary

Thursday, February 11

Week at a Glance

5:30 pm Teaching Team Meeting

Classroom E-2 (2nd floor elevator lobby)

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 13

Fellowship Adventures

5:30 pm Dinner at Ruby Tuesday

7:30 pm A Chorus Line at

Columbia Entertainment Company

Sunday, February 14

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble

Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling

3rd Floor Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service (in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

Announcements

Ash Wednesday

Beauty and the Cross- Ecclesiastes says "God makes all things beautiful in its time." In the cross, we have this moment of great tragedy, the death of God. Yet, the cross is now a declaration of hope and the restoration of humanity. In our greatest act of hate, the love of God was unleashed.

Join us for our **Ash Wednesday Worship Service: February 10 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

UMKC Conservatory Concert Choir

On Wednesday, January 10, First Baptist welcomes the UMKC Conservatory Concert Choir to our sanctuary to present a concert at 7:30 pm. The choir will be joined by several other local ensembles including the Rick Bridge High School Choir and the Columbia Honors Choir. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday service in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm, and then, come hear this great concert at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Announcements

Fellowship Adventures

On **February 13**, we will go to Columbia Entertainment Company to see "A Chorus Line." First Baptist Church member, David Jacobs, is performing in the show! **Tickets are \$10 per person, due to the church office by February 10.** We will meet for dinner at 5:30 pm before the show at Ruby Tuesday on Vandiver. If you wish to attend the performance only, be at the theater by 7:15 pm; the show starts at 7:30 pm. *This production is not recommended for children under 12 years of age.* **Please RSVP to Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair, by February 8 at paulalou52@gmail.com.**

Youth Envelope Challenge

If you would like to help make sure that every student who wants to go to events like youth camp, fall retreat, and other ministry outings has the resources available to them to participate, check out the Youth Envelope Challenge located on the bulletin board in the Children's Building hallway during the month of February. All the money raised by this challenge will go directly to the Youth Scholarship Fund, which allows us to work with families who need assistance to make sure no student is left out because of financial constraints.

Last year, this fundraiser raised enough money to cover our scholarship needs for the entire year. Instead of coming to the church with multiple fundraisers throughout the year, we've made the process simple. Just choose an envelope (or several) from the board, place the amount of money on the outside in the envelope, and drop it in the offering. Your gifts go a long way in making our ministry possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Michael McEntyre
Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions

Announcements

Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

You don't have to wait until February 21 to help with Room at the Inn— sign up today. Click on the Rotator on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) to sign up for training times and volunteer slots. **The last training event will be held Tuesday February 9, 6:30-8:30pm at First Baptist.** All volunteers are asked to attend at least one training session before serving. Room at the Inn is a winter shelter designed to provide a warm place to sleep for those in need from 7:00 pm- 7:00 am through March 4. (First Baptist hosts from February 21 to March 4.)

Sock shower for Room at the Inn

The Diaconate Team is collecting new or gently used socks and other cold weather accessories to have available for guests when we host Room at the Inn February 21-March 4 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be collection boxes located outside the sanctuary and in the elevator lobby.

Announcements

Movie Night — March 12 at 5:30 pm

First Baptist presents a Movie Night for all ages! Gather in the Fellowship Hall for pizza prior to the movie. Popcorn will be provided during the movie. Adults will be watching and discussing "The Emperor's Club," a feel good movie about a dedicated teacher (Kevin Kline) who has spent his entire adult life inspiring his students and then comes to appreciate that his students taught him just as he taught them. The movie is rated PG-13 for some language and sexuality. We hope you'll stay for a brief discussion following the movie. Childcare will be available for infants and preschoolers. Noah and Abby Hartsfield, will be hanging out with the children on the 3rd Floor as they watch a movie of their own.

Flower Vase Collection

Have any extra vases taking up space under your kitchen sink? If so, the Diaconate Team would love to have them! We are in need of vessels to transport flowers to members who are either home bound or in the hospital after service on Sunday. There will be a collection box in the elevator lobby starting this Sunday, February 7th. If you have any questions please contact Rena Tratchel at rjtratchel@gmail.com.

11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

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

*The Sanctuary flowers are provided by:
Michelle Twitty
in honor of the 50th anniversary of Bill and Chris Gravlin.*

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.

Young Adult Small Group in the Fellowship Hall fireplace area.

To view the live webcast of our 11:15 am Traditional worship service, go to www.ustream.tv. Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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