



First, an instrument of torture,
Then, an instrument of love.
First, a place of defeat,
Then, a place of victory.
First, a symbol of shame,
Then, a symbol of glory.

There is a horrific type of
beauty
in the cross.

Our Worship of God

February 28, 2016

11:15 am

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

The Third Sunday of the Lenten Season

— The Beauty of the Cross —

Greeting

Ed Rollins

Prelude

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Chancel Bells

arr. Sherman



1. Stand up and bless the Lord, you peo - ple of his choice,
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

Call to Worship (responsive)

O God, You are our God, the One in whom we trust.
We've gathered together today to worship You—
to open our hearts and minds to Your presence.

We long to meet You here, and to hear Your voice.

We come with confidence,
because we've met You here before;
we've been awed and inspired by Your glory and Your power.

We come with gratitude,
because we've known Your steadfast love—
a love which is better than life itself.

And so we praise You—
*lifting our voices, lifting our hands
in joy and expectation.*

Come among us in Your power.
**Pour out Your spirit on our thirsty souls,
that we may be filled with Your goodness and love. Amen.**

†**Processional Hymn 41**

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

(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.*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Movement to the Cross

As you are able, you are invited to come forward, stand by the cross, and read Psalm 63 printed below. Please meditate on its meaning and offer your prayers of praise to God.

A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.
But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
they shall be given over to the power of the sword,
they shall be prey for jackals.
But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Anthem

When I Survey

arr. Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Scripture Reading

Bob Stewart

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God; to draw near to listen is better than the sacrifice offered by fools; for they do not know how to keep from doing evil. Never be rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be quick to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven, and you upon earth; therefore let your words be few.

For dreams come with many cares, and a fool's voice with many words.

When you make a vow to God, do not delay fulfilling it; for he has no pleasure

in fools. Fulfill what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not fulfill it. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake; why should God be angry at your words, and destroy the work of your hands?

With many dreams come vanities and a multitude of words; but fear God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Gospel Acclamation



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†Gospel Reading

Dr. Milton Horne

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 68

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty
Sung to BEACH SPRING

Message

Ecclesiastes' Theodicy: Dr. Milton Horne
Tragedy and Travail in the Encounters with God

†Hymn 209

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

There is a Balm in Gilead arr. Hailstork

†Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

- **Cover Image:** *Artist - Margaret Sullivan.* As Part of our Lenten theme, The Beauty of the Cross, many First Baptist members and friends have colored a cross. Different samples of this work will be in our bulletins each week, while other artistic renditions may be found at various locations in our building.
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- **Guest Pastor: Dr. Milton Horne**

Milton Horne is a professor of religion at William Jewell, where he has taught since 1986. He holds the DPhil in Theology (1990) from Oxford University, specializing in Hebrew Scriptures (Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes); and the MDiv (1983) from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He completed his undergraduate BA in English (1979) at University of Missouri, Columbia, during which time he and his wife Karen lived in Harrisburg, Missouri, while he pastored the Harrisburg Baptist Church. Dr. Horne is a musician (pianist) and a Registered Piano Technician (Piano Technicians Guild). He and his wife, Karen, have raised two sons, Robert and Jared, and now have two grandchildren, August and Alice.

Dr. Horne's series of sermons here at First Baptist will explore the way that the thinking of Ecclesiastes prepares believers to appreciate the tragi-comedic (a literary genre that blends aspects of both tragic and comic forms) aspects of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The affirmation of the cross as both beautiful and horrific invites disciples to interpret the cross as more than mere contradiction and paradox, but as tragi-comedy. Lives of discipleship must themselves move beyond paradox in the ways that comedy grows from and interweaves around great tragi-comedic plots of our lives.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 28

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

Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service

(in Swahili)

Parlor

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

Monday, February 29

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study

Parlor

Wednesday, March 2

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sanctuary

Thursday, March 3

1:00 pm Circle Meeting

Conference Room

Friday, March 4

10:30 am Eat, Pray, Sew

Conference Room

Sunday, March 6

9:15 am Awakening Worship

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Sanctuary

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Announcements

Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn has begun! 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. You can click on the Rotator on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) to sign up for volunteer slots. Sign up today to help!

Circle Meeting

This group of women meet on the first Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. to talk about ways to promote mission work, hear from guest speakers and walk through life together. On March 3, we will join together in the conference room to roll bandages. We will also hear from Director of Children's Ministry, Yvette Chambers.

Movie Night — March 12, 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.

Announcements

Holy Week

In one month we will be traveling from Lent into Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. In our Lenten journey, we welcome Milton Horne to our pulpit on Feb. 29 and March 6 - Ed Rollins will preach on March 13 - and former interim pastor Mike Graves will be here on Palm Sunday (March 20) and Easter Sunday (March 27).

On Good Friday, **March 25**, we will gather for worship in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. This most meaningful service reminds us of the suffering and pain that Christ endured during the crucifixion. We will gather around the cross, as we have during Lent, for a time of communion, prayer and reflection.

On Saturday, **March 26**, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children from toddlers to 3rd grade. There will also be face painting, bubbles, games, story-time, and more!

On Sunday, **March 27**, Easter services begin with the Sunrise service led by our youth on the front Broadway steps at 8:15 am. Following this we will share in our annual Easter brunch, followed by our worship services at 9:15 and 11:15 am. We look forward to a wonderful day of celebration. Please invite a friend to come with you, as we worship the risen Lord.

Child Development Center

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for summer and the 2016-2017 school year. Our summer program will be June 6-June 30 and July 6-August 5. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. Our hours are 7:15 am-5:30 pm Monday-Fridays. For more information contact Ms. Debby at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org

We are collecting store receipts for a fundraiser with Shoparoo. Last year schools nationwide earned over \$800,000. Receipts from any store will help us earn instant cash donations and entries into sweepstakes of up to \$15,000. We have placed a basket in the hall by the nursery to collect receipts. We will be happy to scan your receipts!



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:
Trish Blair, in memory of Margaret Blair.*

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.

**First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches USA,
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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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