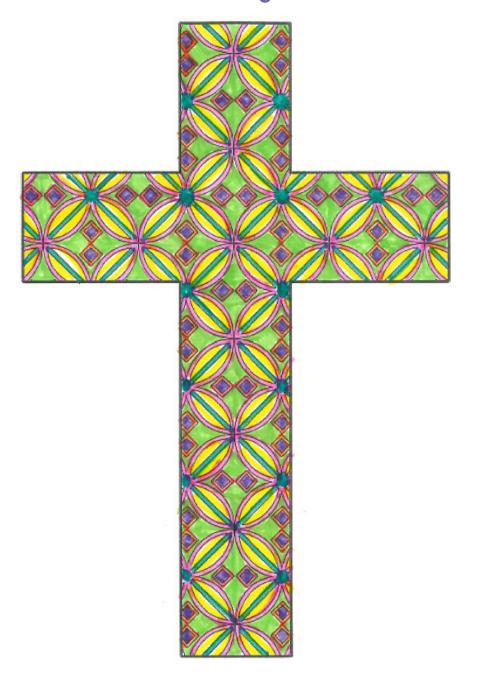
# Third Sunday of Easter



# Our Worship of God

April 10, 2016

11:15 am

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

# The Third Sunday of Easter

**Greeting** Ed Rollins

**Invitation to Worship** 

**Prelude** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Sadowski

**Invocation (responsive)** 

We offer ourselves to you, O God, our Creator.

We offer our hands.

Use healing touch to comfort sisters, brothers, children, and all those in need.

We offer our eyes and ears.

May we see and hear the signs and stories of your love so that all may have someone with them in their journey of faith.

> We offer our hearts and our tears when the hurt and sorrow of friends and strangers echo within us.

May we be healed as we embrace each other.

We offer our anger when bullying and brutality cause another pain.

Make it a passion for justice.

We offer all our skills.

Use our gifts to change this world.

We offer our faith, our hope, our love.

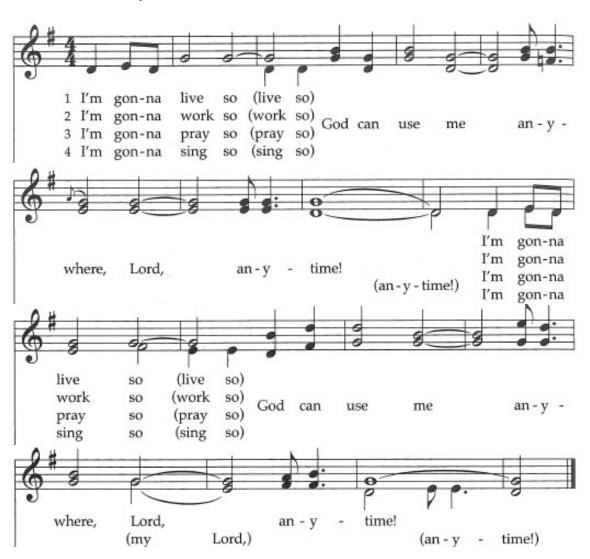
May our encounters with Jesus bring us closer to you and to each other.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ,

the embodiment of grace and hope. Amen.

### **†**Processional Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



### **†**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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Call to Prayer What a Friend We Have In Jesus

arr. Ellingboe

### 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.

### **Scripture Reading**

Khaki Westerfield

### Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."

And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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

### **Litany of Commitment**

Create in each of us a kneeling place, where we may empty ourselves of our self-importance and become vulnerable to your Word to us.

Help us set our faces firmly against friendly suggestions for safe, expedient lives, and toward the risk of discipleship. Loosen our grip on certainties that smother possibilities. Forgive our resistance to change.

Let us pursue the adventure of losing our lives in order to find them in you.

Guide us to follow the way of the cross

where despair is transformed by the promise of new life and where we are compelled to intercede for those who have more pain in their lives than hope.

Help us to freely give what we have in order to assist those in need.

When we are too eager to be "better than"...
when we are too rushed to care...
when we are too tired to bother...
when we are too preoccupied to listen...
when we are too quick to act
from motives other than compassion
transform us,
hold our feet in the fire of your grace,
so we can see our actions
in the light of your costly love.

†Hymn

We Are Called

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# Worship Notes

Invocation Prayers on Pastorally Challenging Topics

Litany Prayers & Litanies for the Christian Seasons by Sharlande Sledge

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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Come! Live in the Light (We Are Called)

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### Week at a Glance

# Sunday, April 10

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

2:00 pm Heifer International - Community Event

Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble

Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service

(in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

# Monday, April 11

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study with David Gifford

Parlor

6:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Conference Room

# Wednesday, April 13

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

3rd Floor

### Week at a Glance

5:30 pm Psalm Players 6:30 pm Chancel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Sanctuary

# Thursday, April 14

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

# Friday, April 15

11:00 am The Wardrobe Volunteers
The Wardrobe

# Sunday, April 17

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

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5:00 pm The Calling

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### Announcements

# Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Missions

This Sunday kicks off our focus on our partnership with the Cooperative Baptist and our special offering to support CBF Global Mission. On the leading edge of the modern missionary movement, Baptists have been forming together, making disciples of all nations. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship engages in three primary contexts: Global Poverty, Global Migration and the Global Church, and participates in God's mission with and among the most marginalized and least evangelized people on Earth. Through the work of CBF field personnel and CBF's rural poverty initiative, Together for Hope, Cooperative Baptists are bringing renewal to God's world with literacy ministries both in the United States and around the world.

The CBF Offering for Global Missions is the foundational means of support for CBF's mission enterprise, providing an array of tools and resources needed to live out the Fellowship's mission commitments of cultivating beloved community, bearing witness to Jesus Christ and seeking transformational development. First Baptist will be collecting money to support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions projects April 3- 24th. To give, simply indicate CBF Global Missions on your check and place your offering in one of the specially marked mission envelopes. The Serving Team will match the first \$1,000 given, so please give generously.

# Heifer International - Community Event at First Baptist

**Today at 2:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall, Cindy Sellers Roach, who is a Community Engagement Manager and works out of the Heifer headquarters office in Arkansas, will be visiting. She will be giving a presentation about current projects Heifer is involved in and field stories. This would be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the impact of your donations to communities around the world, and how Heifer is working to end poverty!

### Announcements

# Serving the City

Serving the City is growing. Come join us Saturday April 23rd!

The Serving Team is offering our First Baptist family the opportunity to get involved in supporting our community with a day of serving. On Saturday, **April 23rd** (from 9:00am to noon) we encourage you to join us at the church at 8:30am for some words of instruction and encouragement before we head out to our ministry sites. We are pleased to offer three opportunities for service this year:

- Our main project is in conjunction with For Columbia, an innovative collaboration of Columbia churches coming together to serve our community on a larger scale. More details about this project are coming in the weeks ahead.
- A smaller team is needed to help organize and prepare clothes at the Wardrobe (one of Columbia's non-profit consignment stores).
- Our final option is a family-friendly project of light yard work and planting flowers to help create a welcoming area for our Child Development Center families. This will include a fun craft project for kids.

Following the projects, we will meet for lunch for everyone who wishes to attend. Please make plans to join us on Saturday, April 23rd for our Day of Service. Sign-ups for projects are located on the bulletin board in the Children's Building hallway at the church. You can also email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

# Jazz Swings Into First Baptist Church

On Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm First Baptist Church will host the Justin Kauflin Trio as part of the "We Always Swing Jazz Series." This is our first collaboration with the jazz series and the concert is one you will not want to miss. Tickets are available at the series website and will run from \$20-35.

### Announcements

# Attention all graduates!

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 15th. Graduates will be recognized in our combined worship service. There will be a light brunch before the service in the Children's Building Hallway. We are asking that all graduates send your graduation information to the church no later than Sunday, April 24th so it may be featured in the Spire. (For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school graduating from, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. Congratulations to all our grads!

### **Scholarships**

Every year, First Baptist awards scholarships to individuals pursuing higher education. These scholarships are made available through the generosity of former members of our First Baptist Church family. Graduating First Baptist high school seniors, college students, and graduate students can receive an application online at www.fbc-columbia.org (click "Resources" then "Forms and Policies") or by emailing the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org The scholarships available are:

The Lionberger Scholarship Fund The Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund The Luebbers Scholarship Fund

The deadline for returning the application to the church office is May 1.

### **Announcements**

# Register for Youth Camp

This year we will be heading to Quest Youth Camp at Green Lake, WI, July 10-16th. The cost of camp will be \$230 per person with a \$30 discount for additional family members. Please turn in your \$50 deposit by April 15th with the balance due on or May 29th. As always, if you need additional financial assistance, please contact Michael to discuss what will work for your family. Green Lake is a beautiful area and I would love to take a good group of students so if you invite a friend, they can count as additional family and go for \$200 (or if you're a bad friend you can charge them \$230 and you only pay \$200, but that seems wrong for church camp:) Contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) for more information.

# Fellowship Adventures

Fellowship Adventures: opportunities for the First Baptist family to get together and build community, through fun activities and outings! Dates are subject to change. Be sure to watch the Spire for more information as each date gets closer. Contact Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair, with any questions/to RSVP at: paulalou52@gmail.com.

**April 16:** Road trip to St. Louis for lunch and the Missouri Botanical Garden. The deadline to sign up is April 10. The cost for admission will be \$6.00 if there are 15 or more signed up (the cost will be \$8.00 per person, for a group of less than 15 people). We will depart from First Baptist at 9:00 am and arrive at the Gardens. at approximately 11:00 am. You will have time on your own to explore the grounds. We will depart at 1:00 pm for the Hill. We will visit the St. Louis Bakery on the Hill (family owned for over 60 years) followed by an late lunch/early dinner at Zia's. We plan to be home by 8:00 pm.

May 21: Let's go Cruising! We will enjoy a 1.5 hour cruise on the Lake of the Ozarks, with Celebration Cruises! The cost per person is \$20. The cruise begins at 12:00 pm. Lunch is available onboard, but Paula is going to organize lunch at another place, following the cruise. Reservations are absolutely required for this one; please RSVP by April 12. This is a very popular excursion at the Lake, and adding late reservations to the group may not be possible.



### 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.

### Sanctuary Flowers are give by: Khaki Westerfield, in memory of her husband, Jim.

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, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.

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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