



First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

July 24, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Therefore there is only one problem on which all my existence, my peace and my happiness depend: to discover myself in discovering God. If I find Him I will find myself and if I find my true self I will find Him.

-Thomas Merton

Welcome and Announcements

Carol McEntyre

Prelude

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

arr. Haan

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Yvette Chambers

In times of weakness and hour of need,
*yours is the strength by which we carry on,
the shoulder we rest our head upon.*

When our load is heavy and too much to bear,
*yours are the arms stretched out to help us
the grace that we depend on.*

In times of weakness and hour of need,
*your voice is heard,
'Come... find rest.'*

This is grace divine,
the path we tread to wholeness
of body and spirit,
*the path that leads to you,
and for which we offer our offering of praise.*

†Proclamation Hymn 89

Our Great Savior

(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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Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the 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.*

Solo

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Eli Marchbanks

arr. Portman

Meditation

Dropping the Mask

read by Lili Vianello

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Charles Hunter

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 561

Just a Closer Walk

Message

Becoming my True Self

Carol McEntyre

Prayer and Meditation (*responsive*)

Too often, we charge through life confused by our own picture of self. There is a part of us that we love and want to share with others, and another part that we dislike and try to hide from others.

We may want to change but even the idea of change is difficult. We continually wrestle with the thought of doing things differently.

In this moment of silent reflection, please meditate on this quote from Parker Palmer:

Afraid that our inner light will be extinguished or our inner darkness exposed, we hide our true identities from each other. In the process, we become separated from our own souls. We end up living divided lives, so far removed from the truth we hold within that we cannot know the “integrity that comes from being what you are.”

Teach us by your Spirit to let go of our need for perfection and admiration.

Help us to let go of our self-righteousness and false notions of power.

Silently reflect by repeating the following phrase from 2 Corinthians:

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Give us strength and courage to be who we really are.

***Encourage us – and even push us –
To let go of false selves so we can fully embrace you, Holy God.***

We pray these things in the name of Christ Jesus. ***Amen.***

†Hymn of Commitment 489

Jesus Paid It All

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

As the Deer

Piano Duet – Allyson Gortmaker and Colleen Ostercamp

†Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

Charles Hunter is a lifetime member of First Baptist Church. He has served in various roles in the church including Christian Education and Deacons. He currently serves as Chair of the Personnel Committee, Facilitator of the Forum Adult Sunday School Class and Treasurer of Area 5 of the American Baptist Churches.

Eli Marchbanks is originally from Kennett, MO (hometown of Sheryl Crow), went to William Jewell College in Liberty, MO, and since 2007 has been living in Columbia. It was here that he met his bookworm, baseball-loving wife, Beth. Eli likes singing with the Boonslick Chordbusters (a local barbershop chorus) and does the occasional community theater performance (most recently performed in "The Music Man").

Call to Worship prayer written by John Birch and posted on www.faithandworship.com

Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 24

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 Sunday Morning Small Groups

Various classrooms

11:15 Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

Monday July 25

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

Thursday, July 28

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 29

7:30 pm Prometheus Concert

Sanctuary

Sunday, July 31

9:15 am Awakening Worship

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10:15 Sunday Morning Small Groups

Various classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

Announcements

Do you Desire More of God?

Maybe you long for a more intimate prayer life or a deeper insight from God's word but you just don't know how to get there.

Spiritual Practices like reading Scripture, journaling, prayer walking, solitude and keeping the Sabbath are hotspots of the Spirit—the places where we can regularly meet Jesus. A spiritual practice isn't magic, but it does put you in partnership with the Holy Spirit and

creates the space for you to hear from God. Carrying out these practices overtime is what leads to the transformation that we long for—the transformation that only Christ can bring in our lives.

This fall, Pastor Carol is going to lead two Covenant Groups—a Thursday afternoon group and a Thursday evening group—that will focus on creating the space in our lives to hear from Christ through the spiritual practices. Each group will meet just once a month to allow time to try out the practices. They will be capped to 10 participants each to allow for intimate community. It is also important that participants really commit to attending the meetings and making time for the practices between meetings.

The cost for the group materials is \$20 per person. If you are interested in signing up or want to know more email Pastor Carol at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or call the church office at 442-1149.

Join Us for Some Fun in the Sun!

First Baptist children and youth—and friends and family—will be swimming at Oakland Pool on Sunday, August 7, from 3-5 pm.

Back to School Playground Rejuvenation Event

The Child Development Center would like to invite First Baptist Church to the “Back to School Playground Rejuvenation Event.” It will be held on Tuesday, August 9, from 6-7:30 pm. A rain date is set for August 10. We will be working on flower beds, raking and spreading mulch, trimming trees, and weeding.

Prometheus—In Concert

Prometheus, a small vocal ensemble which includes First Baptist’s own, Lindsey Lang and her husband Frank, will present a concert in our sanctuary on Friday, July 29 at 7:30 pm. The program, entitled “Calls Us Home,” features a combination of Renaissance motets, contemporary madrigals, and American choral music. During the day they will be presenting a choral workshop open to community singers of all ages. For more information, about the workshop, please visit www.choralartallianceofmissouri.com/prometheus/.

Tickets available online or at Sparky’s Homemade Ice Cream, 21 S. 9th St.: \$20 advance general admission, \$25 door general admission, \$8 students w/ ID, and \$20 adult education workshop + concert admission (BEST DEAL!).



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary.

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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