

Our Worship of God

July 31, 2016

11:15 am

(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Pre-Service Music

Judy Elliot - Harp

Carol McEntrye

Greeting

arr. Bock

Prelude

Alleluia!

Allyson Gortmaker – Piano, Colleen Ostercamp - Organ

Call to Worship (responsive)

What does God require of us? **To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength,**

and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle. Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

+Processional Hymn 532

(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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Meditation on Luke 10:25-37

Sam Henley

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Silent Meditation

Special Music

They Asked Who's My Neighbor Alex Bennet and Megan Riley

Reading Two Luke 10: 25-37

(As the passage is read again, focus on a word or phrase that attracts, touches or even disturbs you. Meditate on the word or phrase that you selected during the silence that follows the reading)

+Hymn of Reflection 436

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Reading Three Luke 10:25-37

(As the text is read again, think about how the text connects to your life. How does it speak to what is happening at home, in our community, in our country or in the world?)

Special Music		Life Song
	Alex Bennett and Megan Riley	
Message		Carol McEntyre
† Hymn of Commitment 568		Take My Life
+ Offertory Senten	ce	
Offertory	"Meditation" from Thais Judy Elliot - Harp	by Massenet

†Benediction (*responsive*)

Go to follow Christ's example in loving God, self, and neighbor. **God's love goes with us!** Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love. **God's love goes with us!**

Postlude

Worship Notes

Sam Henley is a Columbia native, who currently lives in town with his wife, Crystal, and two boys, Mirek and Gareth. He is a practicing Chiropractor in Columbia. He has been attending First Baptist as a guest since his teenage years, and as a member since 2011. He currently serves on the Finance Committee.

Call to Worship prayer written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/.

Benediction prayer written by Laura Jaquith Bartlett. Posted on http://www.ministrymatters.com/.



Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 31

9:15 am Awakening Worship Fellowship Hall 10:15 Sunday Morning Small Groups Various classrooms 11:15 Traditional Worship Sanctuary

Monday, August 1

9:00 am Senior Yoga Parlor

Tuesday, August 2

5:30 pm Teaching Team E-2 Classroom

Thursday, August 4

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 7

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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 Spirt—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 create 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 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 <u>mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org</u> 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.

Sunday Morning Small Group Opportunities at 10:15 am

The Community Small Group is an inter-generational group that focuses on God's call to live in community with one another. We meet in the conference room. We rotate facilitators and our discussion tends towards how do we, as a community of Christ's followers, live in today's world in a meaningful way. After the special summer series is concluded, we will be picking up a study by Baptist Ethics Daily titled "The Practice of Living Faithfully." We look for a curriculum that is unified, but not linear, making it easy for members to miss a week and not feel behind in the discussion. We hope that you will join our community!

The Faith Forum Class is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day and share information and ask questions to learn from one another. We try to put the lesson in context to our personal lives and current events. The class does not have a teacher but all help with the learning. Charles Hunter helps guide the discussion. Anyone is welcome, any Sunday you want to stop in. We meet in E-2 by the elevator. We would love to have you visit.

Young(ish) Adult Group is made up of people who are 25-39(ish) who are single and married, with kids and without. We meet in the library outside the church offices. We will be continuing our series on Friendship First. Learning how to develop stronger friendships with each other as well as developing our relationship with God. The facilitator is Sherry Wyatt. Come join us!

On August 14, **the Discussion Class** will begin a 10 week study in Paul's letter to the Roman Christians. Romans has a unique place in the letters of Paul in the New Testament and has had a profound influence in the history of the Christian church. We invite you to join us for these studies.

First Baptist Adventures Continue!



Off to Guthrie/New Bloomfield to eat at Heart of Nashville (the old Tanizanio Restaurant). Yes we tried it out first! Very good food!

We will depart after traditional worship on Sunday, August 7th. Please respond to the church office by August 5th.

Safe Seminar Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment Save the date: September 23-25.





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.

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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