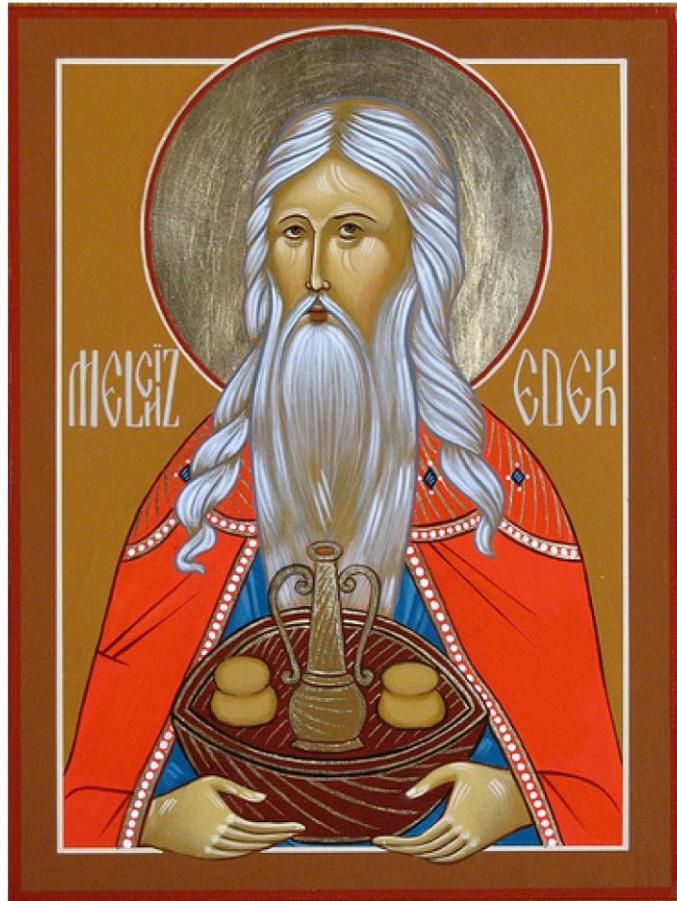


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Melchizedek



First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

September 11, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Abraham and Sarah: Stories of Faith and Failure

"I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore."

Genesis 22:17

Greeting

Ed Rollins

Invitation to Worship

Unison

King of kings and Lord of lords, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! King of kings and
Lord of lords, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus, Prince of Peace,
glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus, Prince of Peace, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah!

Prelude

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

arr. Wood

Colleen Ostercamp, Organist

Call to Worship (responsive)

Yvette Chambers

Thanks and praise to you,
Jesus Christ, King and Lord of all,
given the name above every other name.

**Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

King of righteousness, King of peace,
enthroned at the right hand
of Majesty on high.

**Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

Great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us;

**Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

Pioneer of our salvation,
you bring us to glory
through your death and resurrection;

**Jesus, King and Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.**

Every knee bows to you;
every tongue confesses,
you are King of kings
and Lord of Lords,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Unison

King of kings and Lord of lords, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! King of kings and
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Invocation

Carol McEntyre

†ProceSSIONAL Hymn #95

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

(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.*

September 11 Prayer for Peace (responsive)

Hidden, eternal, unfathomable, all-merciful God,
 beside you there is no other god.

**You are great and worthy of all praise;
 your power and grace sustain the universe.**

God of faithfulness, just and truthful,
 you chose Abraham, your devout servant,
 to be the father of many nations,
 and you have spoken through the prophets.

**Hallowed and praised be your name throughout the world.
 May your will be done wherever people live.**

Living and gracious God, hear our prayer;
our guilt has become great.

**Forgive us, the children of Abraham, for our wars,
our enmities, our misdeeds toward one another.**

Rescue us from all distress and give us peace.

Guardian of our destiny,
bless the leaders and rulers of the nations,
that they may not covet power and glory
but act responsibly
for the welfare and peace of humankind.

**Guide our religious communities and those set over them,
that they may not only proclaim the message of peace
but also show it in their lives.**

And to all of us, and to those who do not worship among us,
give your grace, mercy, and all good things,

**and lead us, God of the living,
on the right way to your eternal glory. Amen.**

Anthem

Sing to the Lord a New Song
Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells

Scripture Reading

Ken Hammann

Genesis 14:1-23a

Lot's Captivity and Rescue

In the days of King Amraphel of Shinar, King Arioch of Ellasar, King Chedorlaomer of Elam, and King Tidal of Goiim, these kings made war with King Bera of Sodom, King Birsha of Gomorrah, King Shinab of Admah, King Shemeber of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). All these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Dead Sea). Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and subdued the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the

Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, and the Horites in the hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the edge of the wilderness; then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and subdued all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who lived in Hazazon-tamar. Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim with King Chedorlaomer of Elam, King Tidal of Goiim, King Amraphel of Shinar, and King Arioch of Ellasar, four kings against five. Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits; and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. So the enemy took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way; they also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who lived in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner; these were allies of Abram. When Abram heard that his nephew had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, three hundred eighteen of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and routed them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. Then he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his nephew Lot with his goods, and the women and the people.

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,

*“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”*

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything. Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the Lord, God Most High, maker of heaven and earth, that I would not take a sandal-thong or anything that is yours..."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Ken Hammann and Ed Rollins

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Based on Hebrews 11

O holy One, we thank you that we stand in a long line of believers who have been faithful through the ages. You have been leading your people through trial and difficulty and have always set before them hope for today and hope for a better tomorrow. We pray that you would bless us in our time as we seek to be as faithful as our forebears. May we too know the faith which is filled with hope in things not seen.

Give to us a faith like the grain of a mustard seed which had small beginnings but which yielded large results.

Give to us the faith to move the mountains of difficulty which come to each of us.

Give to us the faith that sees a distant goal and is willing to work to achieve it.

Give to us a faith which has a vision of a new world where peace and love characterize the transactions of people and of nations and where war is no more.

Give to us a faith such as Abraham's to move forward not knowing our destination but trusting in your guiding providence.

Give to us a faith which is able to endure those moments of personal disquiet and to trust that you are with us.

Give to us a faith which sees the welfare of humankind as our business because it is the focus of your enduring love for your people.

Give to us a faith which sees beyond the years to an eternal city.

God, give us faith to walk with you through the ebb and flow and the victories and the defeats of life, and to achieve victory and mastery of life.

Amen.

†Hymn #363

God of the Ages

Message

The Mysterious Melchizedek

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment #262

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Hopson

†Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

The visual interpretation of the “Abraham and Sarah” theme for worship is based on Genesis 22:17 when God promises Abraham that his descendants will outnumber the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore.

Ken Hammann is today’s scripture reader.

The Call to Worship is written by John Leach and posted on The Jubilate Group website.

The Prayer for Peace is written by the Catholic theologian and author Hans Kung.

The Prayers of the People is written by Richard Einerson, and posted on Richard J. Einerson: Prayers of the People. http://richardeinerson.com/einerson_004.htm.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 11

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

8 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

The Heidelberg

Wednesday, September 14

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

All rehearsals in Sanctuary

Thursday, September 15

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 18

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

Announcements

Fall Bible Study Opportunity: What does Scripture tell us about how God sees humanity and the relationship we share? Understanding our relationships with other people is difficult. How can we understand our relationship with God? Over 6-7 weeks, we will explore what selected Scriptures reveal about God's original intent for humanity, starting with creation narratives, going through the Law and the Prophets as well as what Jesus and Paul tell us. Classes will be on Mondays, starting September 19 at 2:00 in the parlor. David Gifford will be teaching.

Sign up today for the SAFE Seminar: Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment takes place Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24. Full details are in the latest Spire and on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby.

Announcements

Embracing the gift of intimacy and creating safe spaces for children: On Sunday September 25, Le Ann Gardner, who is a licensed clinical social worker and an ordained minister, will be preaching in both worship services. She will be talking about the theology behind what she is teaching in SAFE; what it means to embrace God's gift of intimacy and sex; and how we can create safe spaces for all of God's children.

Sermon Discussion Groups: Are you interested in discussing the most recent Sunday sermon? The Teaching Team wants to create a forum for those who, after hearing the sermon, would like to gather and share thoughts and reflections. If you are interested, please contact Kim Seigenthaler (siegenthalerk@missouri.edu) with general times you would be available, e.g. Sunday afternoon or Monday lunch.

Fellowship Adventures: Join us on September 18th to see the delightful Disney musical, The Little Mermaid. The show is at 2 p.m. at Columbia Entertainment Company, 1800 Nelwood, with dinner after. Tickets are \$10 per person. Make your reservation by contacting the church office at 443-1149 or churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

Sanctuary Sound Improvements: For the next few weeks, please excuse any exposed speaker frames and holes you see in the sanctuary ceiling, and know that they are part of the promised improvements to our sound system.

Church Council: At their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m., the main agenda item will be a discussion of the potential residency program coming to us from the Missions Team. Team leaders will give a brief update on their work.

College and Young Adult Ministry: Join us tonight at 8 p.m. for free appetizers on the roof of the Heidelberg as we celebrate a new semester.

New day and time for The Calling, our weekly youth Bible Study, is Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:15 p.m., beginning Sept 14th. Come and learn about our new interactive experience for 6-12th graders, Studio 1B, which is designed to engage discipleship in a creative way.

The Odyssey Chamber Music Series and First Baptist Church present
Chanticleer in Concert!



With its seamless blend of twelve male voices, Chanticleer is world-renowned as “an orchestra of voices,” and for its original interpretations of music from Renaissance to jazz and from gospel to venturesome new music.

Plan now to attend!

Wednesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary.

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased in the office
or on line at www.odysseymissouri.org.



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 flowers are given by Oleta and Joe Forsee to celebrate their 62nd anniversary.

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 are combined for the summer, through August 7th, and meet in the parlor.

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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