



***“Look, here is water!
What is to prevent me
from being baptized?”***

Acts 8:36b



First Baptist Church

columbia

Our Worship of God

May 14, 2017

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~The Fifth Sunday of Easter~

Pre-service Music

Jordan Kausler	Sonata Op. 49 No. 2, 2 nd movement	Beethoven
McKenna Gortmaker	Amazing Grace	
Olivia Chang	Ladybug Morning	Hartsell

Greeting

Michael McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

The Greek word “Kairos” can be used to point us to “God’s time,” while “chronos” is time that we relate to in minutes and seconds. Chronos is the sequential clock time which we use to order our days. However, discernment is usually in the language of Kairos, which is a quality of time that is full of meaning, often because God is seen to be the acting agent making or fulfilling

promises. Put another way, a Kairos moment serves a divine purpose. Discernment, then, is continually stopping to ask God in prayer, “What is the opportunity of this moment? And “What are you wanting to show us today?” Henri Nouwen references Thomas Merton as saying that God’s time is timeless. It brings together the past and the future in the present eternal moment. So we can connect to quality Kairos time through practices of silent prayer, but often these Kairos moments are more of the memorable moments and significant experiences in our lives, moments that stay with us and continue to shape us.

Prelude

On the Radiant Threshold of This Dawning Day

arr. Barr

Call to Worship (responsive)

Based on Philippians 2:-13

There is a time for celebrating,

a time for mourning,

a time for confessing,

a time for dreaming,

a time for committing,

a time for praying,

a time for loving,

a time for worship.

This is a time, O God, that

we bring our faithfulness:

shape it with grace.

We bring our success:

shape it with generosity.

We bring weaknesses:

shape them with compassion.

We bring our possibilities:

shape them with hope.

We confess, God, that the way is hard
and we are tired.

Speak into our tiredness with your story of grace.

We confess that the way is unclear
and we do not know the path.

Speak to us:

“What is the opportunity of this moment?”

We confess that we are tired of waiting
and we just want to make it happen.

Speak to us:

“What are you wanting to show us today?”

This is a time for worship.

†Processional Hymn

God of Days and Years and Eons
Sung to HYMN TO JOY

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

*God of days and years and eons, all our times are by Your grace;
In the past, through change and challenge, You have led us to this place.*

*Hear our hymns of glad thanksgiving for foundations firmly laid,
Faith of every generation – strong example, present aid.*

*God of moments, hours, and decades, always present every day,
Through Your church in loving nurture we are guided in Christ’s way.
Hear our grateful prayers and praises for Your providence and care.
Teach us ways to tell the story; help us to receive and share.*

*God of future generations, still creating all things new,
Probing where injustice lingers and up-building what is true.
Act to strengthen weak endeavors; move in Your mysterious way;
Wake us, stir us into action; speak tomorrow as today.*

*God of present, past, and future, all our years are in Your care;
Men and women, young and aging, join in gratitude and prayer.
Where we see Your purpose clearly, where we hear Your clarion call,
Grant us faith to trust and follow, as Christ lived, for each and all.*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Recognition of Graduates

Michael McEntyre

Karlye Jeffries

Bruno Bastos do Nascimento

Bria Jones

Prayer for Graduates

Hur, the Handholder

Bria Jones, Camille & Olivia Chang, Nate McEntyre

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 for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Janet Kieffer

Acts 8:26-39

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the

water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn

Now There Is No Male or Female
Sung to AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Now there is no male or female; now there is no free or slave;
now there is no Jew or Gentile in the earth Christ died to save.
Christ has set us free for freedom; we no more sing slavery's creed;
old submissions cannot claim us; Christ has set us free indeed.*

*Crucified with Christ the Savior, baptized in his holy death,
and as Christ was raised to glory we have new life on this earth.
Power of water and God's naming, turning us from dark to light,
joins us to those who, before us, ran the race and fought the fight.*

*Death has no dominion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;
life's own waters now have marked us, born to God this very hour.
From this moment and forever dead to sin, alive in Christ,
Born of water and the Spirit, now in Christ we find our life.*

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 577

Channels Only

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert/Liebergen

†Benediction

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 14

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Movie Night

Conference Room
TBA

Monday, May 15

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga
1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Church Council

Parlor
Library
Conference Room

Wednesday, May 17

6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade
3-5 pm Visitation for Joanie Sorrels
5 pm Service for Joanie Sorrels
Reception following the service

Youth Suite
Sanctuary
Sanctuary
Parlor

Sunday, May 21

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

Janet Kieffer, today's scripture reader, has been raised by First Baptist Church. The daughter of Park and Marjorie Bay, Janet joined the FBC family as soon as she joined her parents. She married her awesome husband, Nicholas Kieffer in 1993 at this church. Her children, Lexie, Cole and Tavie, as well as other children who have been members of the family, have also grown up in this church.

Announcements

The Calling

Our weekly youth Bible Study, the Calling, will continue to meet on Wednesday nights (6:15-7:30 pm) through May 24th. Information about summer plans will be announced soon.

Pentecost Sunday All Church Worship and Business Meeting

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, we will have an all-church worship service at 11:15 in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch and a business meeting to vote on the 2017-2018 Endowment recommendations. The regular Sunday Morning Small Group sessions will meet at 10:15; there will be no 9:15 worship service.

City of Refuge

City of Refuge is a non-profit organization that strives to help refugees and immigrants, in mid Missouri, become productive, successful, contributing members of our community. They offer opportunities for churches to "Adopt a Family." Many families are placed in Columbia with little to no belongings. Most of the time, they do not speak fluent English and they do not know how to drive, so going to the store to get a loaf of bread is next to impossible. Having church come alongside them to help them navigate the first few weeks of culture shock is a huge blessing. With the support of the Missions Team, a group of folks from First Baptist is interested in adopting a family. If you would like to help, City of Refugee will be here Monday, May 22 at 5:30 pm to educate and train our congregation in this process. We are planning to serve a light dinner in the Parlor, so if you plan to attend please RSVP to churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

First Baptist Adventures

Come join in an old-time hymn sing on May 27th at 1:30 pm at the home of Larry & Esther Rollins, 4211 Fall River Drive. Cookies and tea are provided.

Announcements

Sunday Morning Small Group for Women

A new small group just for women meets on Sundays at 10:15 in the hospitality room off the sanctuary. Come and develop friendships, share joys and concerns, and study scripture together.

Church Picnic

Our annual picnic is June 11th at 3 pm at the Twin Lakes Pavilion, with many outdoor activities. We'll have our traditional egg toss; the Pepto Bismol Men's Bake-off/Auction for Missions at 4 pm, and dinner at 5 pm.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed for Memorial Day, May 29th.

Worship Notes

The Call to Worship was written in part by Cheryl Lawrie, posted on her [hold this space] blog, <http://holdthisspace.org.au/>.

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11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

The flowers are given by Michelle Twitty, in memory of her brother Ken Gravlin

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

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 which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

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 conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Women's Small Group in the hospitality room off the sanctuary.

Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † *Ed Rollins*, Associate Pastor

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