

I am crucified
with Christ

GALATIANS 2:20

Our Worship of God

June 18, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

Reading Based on Galatians 3:26-29

Prelude

Allemande from Suite

Telemann

Call to Worship (responsive)

Romans 6:1-11

God forgives us, so we might be new people.

God equips us, so we might serve others.

God sends us forth, so we might be a witness to everyone we meet.

No one is the same: enemies are now our friends;

Those we could not trust now become our confidants;

Those we could not hear now speak to us of God's hope and joy.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

†Processional Hymn

Here In This Place

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

†Call to Confession

We long to be set free from those ‘powers’ which control our lives; to let go of our fears of ‘them’; to stop trying to build fences between us and those who are not like us. That is why our longing brings us to the living waters offered by our God, who allows us to fill our parched souls with a refreshing drink of forgiveness. Let us confess our sins, as we pray together, saying,

†Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God of peace, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from those who seem different from us, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our neighbors. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Miller

Assurance of Pardon

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Dedication of Prayer Shawls (responsive)

We bless this prayer shawl and the person who will receive it.

May they see the intricate love and care given to this shawl, mirroring the intricate love and care that God bestows upon all people.

This shawl was made to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.

May they feel the warm breath of the Holy Spirit as they wrap themselves with it.

This shawl was made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.

May they feel comfort in knowing that someone prayed for them as they pieced it together.

This shawl was made to bring peace to someone in need of prayer.

May they feel the power of our prayers as they feel the yarn winding through their fingers.

This shawl was made to remind the recipient that they are part of this community.

May they feel touched by our love, moved by our guidance and held up by our support.

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.

†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.**

Scripture Reading

Roger McKinney

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing? —if it really was for nothing. Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work

miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed. Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.

Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.

O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.

In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.

O God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.

We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.

O God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

*Take our many ways of working, blend the color of each soul
into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord, make us whole.*

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

We affirm the biblical truth of every human being's inherent dignity and worth, as all people are created in the image of God.

We affirm that in the Body of Christ there is no distinction or hierarchy according to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, social identity and economic status.

We seek not to deny or erase the uniqueness manifest in God's creation, but celebrate this diversity as essential to the unity and strength of Christ's Body.

We believe that unity in diversity is not only desirable, but *essential* to fulfilling God's ultimate desire for God's people, as expressed in scripture, and thus an essential element of seeking God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

We confess that both personal prejudice and systemic oppression are sin. We lament that we all have been both individually and corporately damaged by these sinful patterns, whether as perpetrators, victims, or both.

We humbly seek forgiveness, restoration, accountability, and healing through Christ, as we seek to be peacemakers answering God's call to the ministry of reconciliation.

†Hymn of Commitment

We Are One in the Spirit

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:**

(refrain)

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
(refrain)**

**All praise to the Maker, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
(refrain)**

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Voluntary in C

Boyce

†Benediction (responsive)

When you go out into this world to serve God's mission,
remember that it is no longer you who live,
but Christ who lives in you.

The life you now live in the flesh
you live by faith in the Son of God
who loves you and gave himself for you.

**May the grace of God which daily renews us,
and the love of Jesus that enables us to love all others,
and the community of the Holy Spirit that unites us into one body
enable and empower us to obey the will of God,
now and forever; amen.**

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Monday, June 19

9:00 am – 10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Library

Tuesday, June 20

11:30-2:00 pm Crafty Critters

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Thursday, June 22

12:00 Missions Lunch

Parlor

Saturday, June 24

7:00-8:00 pm – Columbia Handbells Sendoff Concert

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 25

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

Worship Notes

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Today's scripture reader is Roger McKinney. Roger began attending First Baptist Church in 2008 and became a member in 2015 after moving to Columbia full time.

Announcements

Missions Lunch with Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen

The Missions Team is hosting a lunch for Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen on Thursday, June 22 at noon in the Parlor. Keith and Mary were members at First Baptist before being commissioned by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, as missionaries in 1996. You may RSVP for the lunch by emailing Janet Deneke, Administrative Assistant at First Baptist, at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

You Can't Stop the Beat

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Ed Rollins, will perform as guest featured choir for the Area 1 (MA, NH, MA, VT, RI, CT) Festival Conference of the Handbell Musicians of America. The performance will take place in the concert hall of the University of Massachusetts. Their send-off concert is Saturday, June 24, at 7:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Noah Hartsfield is a bell-ringer in the group. The concert is free, and features three brand new commissions written for the Area 1 concert. Don't miss this!

First Baptist Adventures

Sunday, June 25th, we will see the 2:00 pm showing of Columbia Entertainment Company's production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." After the show we will reconvene at Cracker Barrel for dinner. If you are interested in going, please contact our Fellowship Coordinator, Paula Thomas, at paulalou52@gmail.com.

Sunday Morning Small Group Offering: the Enneagram

Join us for the summer Sunday Morning Small Group offering as we study the Enneagram, July 9-August 27 at 10:15 am in the parlor. The Enneagram is an ancient personality type system that describes how people are wired both positively and negatively. Participants can learn about their own personalities as well as how they relate to others. Full details are in the Spire. Even if you don't regularly participate in a Sunday Morning Small Group, we hope you will try this one!

Announcements

Crafty Critters

The Crafty Critters, a ministry of First Baptist Church, is a group of knitters and crocheters who make infant hats, prayer shawls, and other handcrafted items for individuals in our faith community. Periodically, the group will present shawls for the congregation to bless before they are taken to their recipients. You are welcome to join the group, which meets each Tuesday from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm in room E3.

Here is the text of the card included with each shawl:

**Our Gift for You from Your Friends
at First Baptist Church**

This work comes to you
as a gift of God's ever present love.

It has been blessed by the prayers of
friends and family at First Baptist Church.

It was created in love and intercessory prayer.

As each loop of yarn linked to the next,
the work became stronger, more beautiful
and connected by love.

A single strand of yarn stands alone
until gently woven to the next stitch.

It grows into a pattern of beauty and strength
as life does for each of us.

The prayers whispered over this piece
infused it with Christian love.

It reflects God's enduring presence and wisdom.

With every challenge you face and
every grace that you celebrate,
may you know soul-deep, that God is with you.

Wrap yourself in this piece, hold and embrace it.
May the prayers lifted for you return in Amazing Grace.



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 Jane Hunter in honor of my family and my First Baptist Church family

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

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