



Learning to
LAMENT

Our Worship of God

February 25, 2018

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Second Sunday in Lent

Lament (a definition):

n. a passionate expression of sorrow or grief; a song, hymn or poem of mourning

v. to express sorrow, mourning, or regret aloud; to regret strongly

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

They Shall Soar Like Eagles
Chancel Bells

arr. Sherman

Call to Worship (responsive)

Inspired by Psalm 66

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**For the God who broods over the chaos
meets us in this place.**

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**For the God who breathes new life into the dust
meets us in this place.**

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**For the God who dared to become human
meets us in this place.**

†Processional Hymn 16

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

Wondrous Love

arr. Parker and Shaw

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul.*

*What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, O my soul.*

*When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.*

*To God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and thro' eternity I'll sing on.*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul.*

And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

Lenten Theme Interpretation

Learning to Lament: What messages about crying did you pick up on as a child?

Psalm 56:8 says God collects your tears and puts them in a bottle. How does it feel to reflect on that?

Scripture Reading

Casey Engelbrecht

Psalm 56:1-4, 8-11

Be gracious to me, O God, for people trample on me;
all day long foes oppress me;
my enemies trample on me all day long,
for many fight against me.
O Most High, when I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I am not afraid;
what can flesh do to me?

You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your record?
Then my enemies will retreat
in the day when I call.
This I know, that God is for me.
In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I am not afraid.
What can a mere mortal do to me?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Lament and the Lord's Prayer

Be gracious to me, O God. O Most High, when I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
I praise God and God's Word. In God I trust. I am not afraid. What can flesh do to me?

You have kept count of my tossings. You have put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your record?

In the day when I call upon the Lord, my enemies will retreat. This I know; God is with me.

My vows to you I must perform, O God. I will render thank offerings to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, so that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Lord Jesus, my trust in You does not always prevent me from being afraid of both known and unknown enemies, of what may or may not happen in the future. However, when I am afraid, I do trust in You and depend on You and Your promises. You have never failed me or any who call upon You in times of trouble. In You, I find life and light and receive Your gracious gift of life eternal. Help me to express my faith, love, and thanks to You by keeping the promises and vows that I have made. And now we pray:

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.

Hebrew Bible Reading

Casey Engelbrecht

Lamentations 1:7-16

Jerusalem remembers, in the days of her affliction and wandering, all the precious things that were hers in days of old. When her people fell into the hand of the foe, and there was no one to help her, the foe looked on mocking over her downfall. Jerusalem sinned grievously, so she has become a mockery; all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; she herself groans, and turns her face away. Her uncleanness was in her skirts; she took no thought of her future; her downfall was appalling, with none to comfort her. "O Lord, look at my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed!" Enemies have stretched out their hands over all her precious things; she has even seen the nations invade her sanctuary, those whom you forbade to enter your congregation. All her people groan as they search for bread; they trade their treasures for food to revive their strength. "Look, O Lord, and see how worthless I have become."

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger. From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones; he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back; he has left me stunned, faint all day long. My transgressions were bound into a yoke; by his hand they were fastened together; they weigh on my neck, sapping my strength; the Lord handed me over to those whom I cannot withstand. The Lord has rejected all my warriors in the midst of me; he proclaimed a time against me to crush my young men; the Lord has trodden as in a wine press the virgin daughter Judah. For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears; for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage; my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed."

May the Peace of Christ dwell where the Word of God is spoken.

Special Music

O Thou in Whose Presence
Austin Wright, Clarinet

arr. Moyer

*O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,
on whom in affliction I call,
my comfort by day and my song in the night,
my hope, my salvation, my all.*

*Where dost thou, dear Shepherd, resort with Thy sheep?
To feed in the pastures of love?
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,
or lone in the wilderness rove?
O why should I wander an alien from Thee,
or cry in the desert for bread?
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see,
and smile at the tears I have shed.
He looks and ten thousands of angels rejoice,
and myriads wait for His word;
he speaks, and eternity filled with His voice,
re-echoes the praise of the Lord.*

Message

Lament: Finding Your Voice

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Response 522

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

He Leadeth Me

arr. Young

†Benediction

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 25

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music	Sanctuary
5 pm Critical Conversations	Second Baptist Church
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study	Youth Suite

Monday, February 26

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga	Parlor
1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting	Conference Room

Tuesday, February 27

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters	E2
5-7:30 pm Residency Team Meeting	Library
7 pm King's Daughters & Sons Benefit Concert	Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 28

6-7:30 pm Financial Peace University	Conference Room
6-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth	Youth Suite
5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	Parlor

Friday, March 2

7 pm M-Odyssey Scenémagic (pre-concert 6:40)	Sanctuary
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Sunday, March 4

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music	Sanctuary
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study	Youth Suite

Announcements

Correction:

The flowers on Sunday, February 18 were given by Jim & Verna Rhodes in honor of their great-grandchildren's birthdays – Peyton, Palmer, and Jordan Gubbins.

Critical Conversations

The Critical Conversations event has been rescheduled for today at 5 pm at Second Baptist Church.

Room at the Inn at First Baptist until March 4

First Baptist is hosting Room at the Inn in the Fellowship Hall each night now through the night of March 3. Guests to the Inn often show up earlier than the 7:00 pm check in time, so for those in the church who have evening events or meetings, remember that a kind smile and hello often go a long way to sharing Christ's love. For those who have volunteered for a shift, you may park in the back lot and enter through the door to the elevator lobby to enter into the Fellowship Hall to serve. Donations can be dropped off in the church office. RATI has asked for people to no longer bring peanut butter or Ramen noodles but did mention that they could use paper goods and coffee cups. If you have any questions about Room at the Inn or need to speak to someone regarding our time as a host site, please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) or Brittany McDonald Null (bnull@fbc-columbia.org).

Trip to Lakota Reservation – Interest Survey

First Baptist has been invited to return to the Lakota Reservation in Bridger again this summer. The Serving Team is looking to see if there is enough interest within our church family to make the trip viable. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org by March 4.

Faith Forum Class

You are invited to join the Faith Forum Sunday Morning small group at 10:15 a.m. for the Sundays in March and early April. During this time, Brittany McDonald Null will be leading. The lessons will cover Jesus' teachings in Matthew. The Faith Forum class is open to everyone in the church. We take time to review the lesson of the week and discuss our understanding of the key principles and how they apply to our lives. The class meets in Room E2-2 (second floor of the Education Building next to the elevator).

First Baptist Adventures

On Tuesday, February 27, you are invited to join First Baptist adventurers for dinner at Addison's at 5 pm, followed by your choice of concerts at 7 pm. You may choose to attend the King's Daughters & Sons Benefit Concert at First Baptist (see poster on bulletin board for details), or a free concert at Sacred Heart Church. At Sacred Heart, the MU School of Music's Ars Nova Singers will perform music inspired by artwork from the Museum of Art and Archaeology. Please RSVP for the meal today by emailing Paula Thomas, Fellowship Coordinator, at PaulaLou52@gmail.com.

All Leader Meeting

Monday, March 12 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall everyone who serves on one of First Baptist's teams (Congregational Care, Teaching Team, Worship Team, Mission Team, Telling Team and Administrative Team) is invited to a Leadership Dinner. We will eat together, orient you to your work, talk about the expectations of our leaders, worship and sing. Child care is available. Please RSVP to our Administrative Assistant, Janet Deneke, at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org, or 442-1149, and be sure to tell her it is for the leadership dinner!

Worship Notes

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



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 Larry and Esther Rollins in honor of Ed's and Emily's birthdays.

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):

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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