



Understanding the Cross

Our Worship of God

February 24, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Atonement- At-one-ment

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship (responsive)

We are hungry, Lord!

We come to church today with different types of hunger for you.

Some of us sit down at the table eagerly, because we are hungry.

**Some of us have come because we know we should eat,
even though we don't feel like it.**

Some of us are ravenous.

**And some of us have lost our appetite,
and we don't even know why.**

And yet you have drawn us to your welcoming table, one and all,
your arms open to embrace us just as we are.

**As we settle in this morning, fill us with your presence
so that when we leave today, we can leave saying,
"That is exactly what I needed!"**

†Processional Hymn 72

To God Be the Glory

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Sharing Our Stories: Child Development Center

Verna Rhodes

*O when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above,
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning;
And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

*O shout with glory! I shall mount above the skies
When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
O shout with glory! I shall mount above the skies
When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

*But now I am a soldier, my captain's gone before,
and I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
He's given me my orders and he bids me ne'er give o'er,
Til I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

*When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin,
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in,
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

Gospel Reading

William Johnson

Mark 14:12-24

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn

For Everyone Born

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

For everyone born, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For everyone born, a system that's fair,

Refrain

But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

With hearts full of joy we come,
giving thanks to God, our maker,
and offering our praise!

We are right to praise you, faithful God!
You answer sin with grace;
you guide our wayward steps toward home.
You are mending for the broken,
safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast,
strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.
You reveal your kindness in every sorrow,
your mercy even in death.
All your creatures see your works;
they sing your steadfast love.
We too declare your wonder and grace
as with angels and saints we proclaim:
Holy, holy, holy

Remembering and Giving Thanks

Now, O God, we remember Jesus.
He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried.
He relied on you for everything.
He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world.
He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.
He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a
borrowed grave.
You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend.
He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.
Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends.

Words of Institution

The Broken Bread, The Shared Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Thank you, merciful God,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice
you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion —
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and life that never ends.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

†Hymn of Commitment 486

There is a Wideness in God's Mercy

†Benediction (responsive)

God, we are on a journey with you to the cross.
The word is almost too big.
We can't get our arms around it.
Its meaning staggers us.

**May we take seriously the meaning of your cross,
as we take up ours,
standing beside each other,
daring one another to take the risks you ask
so that together we can live out your mission in the world.**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C

Purcell

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 3

4:00 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

5:30-7:00 pm College/Young Adult

Youth Suite

Monday, March 4

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff meeting

Library

Tuesday, March 5

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sanctuary

Friday, March 8

5:30-8:00 pm Parents Night Out

Announcements

Lent Sermon Series – February 24

Did God Kill Jesus? Understanding the Cross

The sermon series Did God Kill Jesus? Understanding the Cross continues this Sunday. It is going to be a serious theological study of the cross and atonement (the process, by which we are reconciled to God). It is admittedly a heavy lift for a sermon series. So, in order to help you unpack this topic, we are offering two special small groups that will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:15. Even if you don't typically attend small group, I hope you will consider joining a group for this series.

Understanding the Cross

Facilitated by: *Henry Imler*

February 24-April 21

Sundays at 10:15 am

in the library

Understanding the Cross

Facilitated by: *Kim Siegenthaler*

March 17-April 21

Sundays at 10:15 am

in the parlor

Parent's Night Out

Parent's Night Out will be held on March 8 from 5:30-8:00 pm. Children from birth to 5th grade are welcome to join in the fun that includes games, crafts, food, and even a magician! Parents must RSVP to the Children's Ministry Director, Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-columbia.org

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary

Our Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, the seven-week season that leads us to the celebration of Easter. Traditionally, Lent begins with a solemn reminder that we come from dust and will return to dust. It is a reminder that we have a need to acknowledge our sinful nature and to seek forgiveness. A reminder that we must ask God to continually “create in us a clean heart.”

Ash Wednesday is that time when ashes are placed on our forehead or hands as a symbol of our need for purification. During the service, we will be reminded of our need for God on our journey and have the opportunity to be marked with ashes. Please join us for this creative and tactile time of worship.

Models of Atonement

Christus Victor (Victory Model): When humanity sinned, we became captive to evil (such as sin, death or Satan). When Jesus died, it looked like evil won, but with the resurrection Jesus defeated the power of sin and death and evil.

Satisfaction (Payment Model): God's holiness and justice demands that debt of sin be paid. Jesus' death pays the price for human sin.

Moral Influence Model: People are moved by the love of God displayed in Christ's self-giving death. Jesus life and death is then a catalyst; the power of the Holy Spirit will transform human beings and the world.

Scapegoat Model: Jesus is a victim of human violence and sin. His death on the cross reveals humanity's propensity to violence and overcomes it by submitting to it.

Solidarity Model: Jesus died in solidarity with us, he underwent the ultimate consequences of living in a sinful world, in order to demonstrate the depths of God's love and God's desire to save us.

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, written by Carol Penner, and post on Leading in Worship.
<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>

Observation of Holy Communion, <https://sicutlocutusest.com/2013/02/07/a-communion-liturgy-for-lent/>

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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.*

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 years old 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

Connections Group in the second floor library.

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