



Understanding the Cross

Our Worship of God

March 31, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

- The Fourth Sunday of the Season of Lent – Atonement - “At-one-ment”

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Duetto

CPE Bach

Tamila Freitas, flute - Pedro Ramiro, violin

Call to Worship (responsive)

The love of God leads us:

**to the deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

The love of Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

The love of the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

†Processional Hymn 213

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

Lenten Theme Interpretation

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
Tamila Freitas, flute

arr. Fedak

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

God, you are good and upright, and you instruct sinners in your ways.
Show us how to break down the barriers separating us from each other,

Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.

Forgive us for the times we have abandoned those among us
who are the most vulnerable.

Teach us to live by the law of love in unity, peace, and harmony.

Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.

Forgive us for the ways we exclude people
of different race, culture, or gender,

Guide us that we may come to mutual understanding and care.

Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.

Draw us into your community to embrace those
with whom we need to be reconciled,

Grant that all who seek to heal divisions between peoples may have hope.

Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.

Show us your ways, O Lord,

Teach us to walk in your love, which compels us to act.

Lead us through the wilderness sin has created to find new life.

Scripture Reading

Richard Hayden

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

1 John 3:1, 16-18

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† Hymn 179

God's Love Made Visible

Message

Carol McEntyre

† Hymn of Commitment 512

At the Cross

† Offertory Sentence

†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

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, written by Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies.

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Thank you for worshipping 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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 31

4:00 pm First Kids Music

Parlor

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

Youth Suite

Monday, April 1

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff meeting

Library

Tuesday, April 2

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

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Wednesday, April 3

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6-7:15 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Announcements

Lent Small Group-Understanding the Cross

It is not too late to join a small group and dive deeper into the Lenten Sermon Series: Understanding the Cross. They are meeting at 10:15 am in the parlor. Even if you don't typically attend small group, we 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

A New Way to Give

We are excited to announce the addition of online giving for our church family. With this option, you will be able to:

- login into your giving account and track your donations for the year.
- set up recurring giving by setting the amount that you want to automatically give each month.
- make a one-time donation to the church or special offerings.
- and, coming soon, easily pay for church trips/events.

To give online, go to our website at www.fbc-columbia.org and click on the link at the top of the page that says Online Payments/Giving.

Palm Sunday - April 14

Palm Sunday is a joyous day at First Baptist! Children are invited to take part in a Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of both Awakening (9:15 am) and Traditional (11:15 am) worship; parents, please bring your children to the back of the worship space a few minutes before worship, so they can receive a palm leaf and join the processional.

First Baptist will also participate in the Downtown Palm Sunday Service in conjunction with other area churches. This special service takes place in the middle of the street on Broadway. We will meet on the front lawn at 10:20 am and walk downtown together.

Good Friday - April 19

Friday: the day the world turned dark and all hope was lost - the day of death. On Good Friday, we will gather at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to join the lament of those who follow Christ. It is a final moment of preparation prior to the joy of Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 20

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place for toddlers up to 5th Graders at First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am. There will be games, crafts, treats, and please bring your own baskets for the Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday- April 21

Easter morning begins with a celebration of the Resurrection at the 9:15 am Awakening Contemporary Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy pastries and beverages from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. Traditional Worship will celebrate the Risen Christ at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.

ForColumbia Sign Up

April 27

Sign-ups are open now through April 15 to volunteer with ForColumbia. The day of service takes place on Saturday April 27. There are morning and afternoon time slots available. ForColumbia is a city-wide day of service that brings together churches in Columbia to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. You can register through the church website or at www.forcolumbia.com/volunteer/.

First Baptist will be leading sites at Hickman High School (working outside with landscaping and painting, some light painting projects inside, and building storage shelves for athletics), Benton Elementary (working to restore 2 greenhouses to working form by creating a ground cover to block weeds, restructuring shelving to better suit needs, and creating an innovative watering system), and serving as a prayer hub here at the church for projects and prayer requests that are happening the day of the event. We also have a family friendly site at Memorial Baptist helping to prepare freezer meals to supply to area ministries in need. To register for one of these projects specifically, fill in the registration information on the volunteer page and in the Comments section at the bottom indicate the site you wish to specifically sign up for. If you need help registering, there will be people to assist you after the services on April 7 and 14.

Know that First Baptist volunteers are not limited to one of these sites. Currently there are 64 unique ministry opportunities around the city you could participate in that day. You can find out more about these sites on the ForColumbia webpage. You can list your skills and preferences on the registration page and ForColumbia can place you where you are most needed. We hope you will make plans to join this city-wide day of service on April 27.

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:

The Moral Influence Model says that when we look at Jesus' life and death, we see the greatness of divine love. As a result, this delivers us from fear and kindles in us an answering love. It calls on us to respond. It is a catalyst that propels us toward goodness, love, justice, and generosity. Through Jesus' example and the power of the Holy Spirit, transformation happens - of human beings, and then of 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.



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 sanctuary flowers are given by Liz Stone** 🌀

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.

*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

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