



Our Worship of God

April 28, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

- The Second Sunday of Easter –

Greeting

Ed Rollins

Prelude

Crown Him With Many Crowns
(based on "Diademata" by George J. Elvey)

arr. Lee Rogers

Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather as people on a journey.

**We believe and we have doubts,
we do good and we sin.**

**We are imperfect humans,
and still beloved by God.**

Love and grace. Hope and faith.

These are the essence of the one we call God.

**We seek forgiveness and grace from
the One and from those we've harmed.**

Assured of that grace,
we are ready to grow again.

**We yearn for a new way,
a new perspective,
and a clear path.**

Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

Inspire our hearts.

Enlighten our minds.

Guide our actions. Amen.

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Creator God,
we confess that at times we are skeptics.
At times we doubt that you exist
because of the evil we have seen in the world.
Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world,
and it is hard to see your love and light.
Sometimes, even those who bear your name
do not walk in your ways.

Help us to see your goodness in this world.

Help us to know your love.

**Fill us with your love and goodness,
so that we might love one another,
and lift up one another in faith. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (responsive)

This is the Good News:
God does not mock us when we fail to trust,
but invites us into a deeper, more intimate relationship.
**Put your finger here. Look at my hands.
Put your hand in my side. Trust me!**
God does not shame us when our faith waivers,
but challenges us to be strengthened by God's promises.
Happy are those who don't see, and yet trust!
God's purpose is not to tear us down, but to build us up:
forgiven, refreshed, and renewed!

†**Passing the Peace of Christ**

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

The Practice of Lectio Divina

Theme Interpretation

Brittany McDonald Null

†Hymn

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the



blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of
nough to make him blind to an - y un - ex - pect - ed
live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers read like
ris - en Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed hands reached



stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.
act too large for his small world of fact.
Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 sin,
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, forever. Amen.**

Anthem

Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

arr. Courtney

*Hark, ten thousand harps and voices
Sound the note of praise above!
Jesus reigns, and heav'n rejoices,
Jesus reigns, the God of Love;
See, He sits upon the throne;
Jesus rules the world alone.
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!*

*Jesus, hail! whose glory brightens
All above and gives it worth;
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens,
Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth:
When we think of love like Thine,
Lord, we own it love divine.
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!*

*Savior, hasten Thine appearing;
Bring, O bring the glorious day
When, the mighty summons hearing,
Heav'n and earth shall pass away.
Then with all the saints we'll sing,
"Glory, glory to our King!"
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Allelu! Alleluia, Amen!*

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 306

Standing on the Promises

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. Jack Schrader

†Benediction (responsive)

Jesus said: “Peace be with you.

As the Father sent me, so I am now sending you”.

He believes in you. The busy world awaits your compassion.

God believes in us.

Sometimes you will give your best yet fail.

God believes in us

At other times you will succeed in spite of your stumbling.

God believes in us

Go gladly, daring to succeed or fail to the glory of God,
and then at the very end, nothing shall dismay you.

God believes in us

**With Christ’s own breath within us,
we shall travel well.**

The help of the saving Christ,
the wisdom of the Living God,
and the support of the loving Spirit,
will be with you

every step of the way, now and always.

Amen!

Postlude

The Strife is O’er, Settings I & III
(VICTORY – Giovanni P. Da Palestrina)

arr. John Leavitt

Worship Notes

~ **Special thanks to Deb Carr for playing the organ this morning** ~

Call to Worship, written by Tim Graves and posted on LiturgyBits,
liturgybits.wordpress.com

Prayer of Confession, written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution, <http://rev-o-lution.org>

Words of Assurance, written by Scott Cervas, and posted on LiturgyLink,
<https://www.liturgylink.net/04/09/call-to-confession-declaration-of-grace>

Benediction, written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on www.bruceprewer.com

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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, April 28

10:15 am ALL IN Visioning Presentation

Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

5:30 pm College/Young Adult

Youth Suite

Monday, April 29

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Library

Tuesday, April 30

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, May 1

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

Friday, May 3

6:00 pm Dinner & Conversation with Paul Baxley

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 5

5:00 pm New Member Fellowship

Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Youth Envelope Challenge - April 2019

The Envelope Challenge is a way to help ensure that every student who wants to go to events like youth camp, mission experiences, Fall and Spring events, and other ministry outings has the resources available to them to participate. Envelopes ranging from \$1 to \$100 are placed on the bulletin board in the Children's Building hallway. All the money raised by this challenge will go directly to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

Summer Book Club

Everyone is invited to join our summer book club! Purchase one of the selected books about the Bible and read it over the summer. In the Fall, we will have small groups devoted to discussing each of them. Books are \$15 and can be purchased on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week. The Books are *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, *The Bible Tells Me So* by Peter Enns, and *What is the Bible?* by Rob Bell.

New Member Fellowship – May 5

The Diaconate will be hosting a time of fellowship for new(ish) members to welcome them to First Baptist on May 5 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To keep with the Cinco de Mayo theme, there will be a taco bar. ***Please RSVP to the church office by May 1.***

Dinner & Conversation with Paul Baxley- May 3

Our mission and ministry partner, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, has a new Executive Coordinator, Paul Baxley! On Friday, May 3 at 6:00 pm, CBF Heartland is hosting a casual dinner at First Baptist for area churches to meet Paul. He will share about his background, his commitment to the church and his vision for CBF. A question-and-answer period will follow as time allows. ***Please RSVP by contacting the church office if you plan to attend, so that we will be able to plan for dinner.***

Graduate Recognition – May 12

Attention all Graduates, High School, College, and Beyond!

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 12. Graduates will be recognized in both of our worship services and there will be a light brunch between the service in the Children's Building Hallway.

We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church no later than today so it may be featured in the Spire.

Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments so please help us honor all the graduates within our congregation by sending in this important information soon!

University Youth Camp - July 20-27

Our youth are heading back to Unidiversity Camp this summer, July 20-27! Like many of the camps we have been to, Unidiversity offers the opportunity for our students to meet, worship, and grow with other students from churches around the country. Unidiversity offers a good mix of fun, worship, and community that our students look forward to. As always, further financial assistance is available if needed. Please contact Michael at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. ***\$50 deposits for camp are due today.*** Two \$100 payments will be due May 26 and June 23.



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.

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

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