



Our Worship of God

May 26, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

*Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up
and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come.
You wait and watch and work: you don't give up.*

-Anne Lamott

- The Sixth Sunday of Easter –

Greeting

Rev. Ed Rollins

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsive)

Throughout the ages, disciples have said,
“I will follow you wherever you go.”

God, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

God, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

God, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith.

†Processional Hymn 34

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

Song of Hope

Schutmaat/ arr. Frey

*May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

Scripture Reading

Ophelia Johnson

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination (responsive)

Living God,
you sent your apostle to preach the gospel
to women gathered by a river,
in a secluded place of prayer.

**There a businesswoman named Lydia
was led by the Spirit to hear your word as truth.**

You opened her heart in love,
and she opened her home for the spreading of the gospel.

**By the power of your Holy Spirit,
fling wide the doors of our hearts this day
as we hear your word of life,
that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love.**

†Hymn

Faith Begins by Letting Go
Sung to DIX

*Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.*

*Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit; promise fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.*

*Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
'til we find the common place ripe with witness to God's grace.*

The Next Right Thing

Moment of Reflection

*What is something you're thinking about pursuing
starting, quitting, making, finishing, or embracing?
If you don't see the clear path, the end game, or the five-year plan,
take heart. Be excessively gentle with yourself.*

What is the next right thing?

†Hymn of Commitment

With Gifts That Differ by Your Grace
Sung to ELLACOMBE

*With gifts that differ by your grace your Spirit fits us all,
that Christians in each time and place may answer when you call.
You strengthen some to take a stand, to prophesy or preach,
while others give with open hand, or heal the sick, or teach.*

*And yet, because our faith is frail, we bury gifts you give.
Afraid to risk, afraid to fail, we are not free to live.
At times we use your sacred gifts for only selfish ends.
Our purpose fades, our focus shifts, and conflict soon attends.*

*Come, Spirit, build your church anew, that all may do their part,
together finding life in you, diverse, yet one in heart.
So may your people seek your will, transformed in all our ways.
We offer body, mind, and skill, a sacrifice of praise.*

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

†Benediction

O God, we are open.

When the decisions we are facing have become too much;

**Ease our fatigue with your presence and our hesitation
with your peace.**

When there is an issue that has tied us in knots;

Begin to untangle us.

O God, we are open.

Help us do the next right thing.

Worship Notes

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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

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Holiday – Offices Closed

9:45 am Psalm Players on Broadway Porch (North Entry of the Sanctuary)

10:00 am Memorial Day Parade

Tuesday, May 28

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, May 29

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Announcements

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out an information card during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Assistive Listening Devices

We are working to improve our assistive listening devices. We have new headphones to go with them and have adjusted some of the levels to improve your experience. You should notice a marked difference. If you have questions or comments, please contact Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre or the church office.

First Kids Camp – Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for First Kids Camp July 29-August 2! Kids Camp is about creating intentional time and space for kids from 3 years old to 6th grade to learn about the love of God revealed in Jesus. We need help for Bible School 8:45 am-12 pm and during extended care 12:00 pm-5:30 pm. Let us know how you are interested in helping and we will find a place for you. Contact Lillian Hoell or Shelby Myers by emailing firstkidscamp@fbc-columbia.org

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.

The Enneagram and Relationships

6-week discussion with Rev. Brittany McDonald Null

Begins June 9

Beginning Sunday, June 9, at 10:15am in the Hospitality Room, Pastoral Resident Brittany McDonald Null will lead a 6-week discussion on *The Path Between Us* and the Enneagram and relationships. Each week the group will focus on a different topic regarding the Enneagram and relationships, rather than discussing number-by-number, so it is recommended that you read the book (and especially your type) prior to the first meeting. To register, email Brittany McDonald Null at bnull@fbc-columbia.org

30th Anniversary Concert of the Columbia Handbell Ensemble

June 8 at 7:00 pm

For 30 years, First Baptist Church has been home of the nationally recognized Columbia Handbell Ensemble, and to commemorate these years of excellence, the ensemble will be presenting a concert on Saturday, June 8 in our sanctuary. The ensemble has an amazing list of accomplishments and is one of the longest running community groups in the nation. The group has played for 9 regional and national events of the Handbell Musicians of America; has 21 selections written specifically for the CHE; has involved over 90 ringers, including 11 First Baptist members; was founded by First Baptist members Deb Carr and Ed Rollins (and they have conducted for 25 of the 30 years); and has collaborated with over 30 organizations from across mid-Missouri. Former ringers and directors will be participating in the concert. You are invited to join us for this musical celebration and for a reception honoring 30 years of existence. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door, and \$1 for children 12 and under. Contact Ed Rollins at rollins@fbc-columbia.org for additional information or tickets.

Pentecost Combined Worship – June 9

On June 9, at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall, we will come together for combined worship to celebrate Pentecost. The 10:15 am Small Groups and First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual. There will be no 11:15 am worship. The Annual Church Picnic will follow at Twin Lakes Park at 4pm.

Annual Church Picnic – June 9

On June 9 at 4 pm, First Baptist will be gathering for the Annual picnic at Twin Lakes Pavilion. All are invited for an afternoon of games, fishing, biking, walking, and of course the annual egg toss championship. Lee's fried chicken, drinks, and place settings will be provided. Please bring food for 12, according to the first letter of your last name: A-G: Veggies; H-S: Side Dishes; T-Z: Desserts.

This year we are changing our annual missions bake auction up a bit. In the past, we have encouraged the men in the church to bring a dessert item to auction at the church picnic in what was called the "Pepto-Bismol Challenge." After several years of participating in this event, the dishes that have been offered are anything but abysmal. In fact, I have tasted some of the finest delicacies I've ever had from these entries. As such, we've decided to retire the name "Pepto-Bismol Challenge" and open up this opportunity to all our church members. So if you have a talent for creating tasty treats, we hope you will enter your finest confectionery delight in the Missions' Auction on June 9th at the Church Picnic. All the proceeds benefit a special Missions project to be announced soon. Thank you for your support and happy baking!

First Baptist Adventurers – Dinner & A Show – June 23

The First Baptist Adventurers group is open to all: it's a group of people that get together to eat and do fun activities. The Adventurers group is going to see HAIRSPRAY, by the Columbia Entertainment Company on June 23 at 2:00 pm. We will meet for dinner after at CoMo Smoke and Fire BBQ. Please RSVP to the office by June 19. Tickets are \$10.00 per person.



For Children During Worship:

Birth-Kindergarteners can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 Childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, which is 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 are located on the second floor:

- Discussion Class (in the Parlor) likes to take a deep dive into scripture.
- Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.
- Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

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

Church Staff

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