



Our Worship of God

June 2, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

- The Seventh Sunday of Easter -

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

When We All Get to Heaven
Chancel Bells

arr. Waldrop

Call to Worship (responsive)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.
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.

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

†**Prayer of Confession (responsive)**

Knowing that our God walks with us in our confusion,
our doubts, our failings, our struggles,
we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy.

For the times we fail to offer hospitality
to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:
God, have mercy on us and your people.

For the times we lack courage to address the causes
of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray to our God:
God, have mercy on us and your people.

For the times we give in to despair and resignation
when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God:
God, have mercy on us and your people.

For the times we allow our fears to triumph
over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God:
God, have mercy on us and your people.

**Merciful God, receive our petitions.
Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world
caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness and fear.
Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people.
Support us as we seek to respond
in solidarity and with hospitality. Amen.**

† Assurance of Pardon

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

Praise the Lord, our God, Forever

Mozart/arr. Ehret

*Praise the Lord, our God, forever.
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Let us rejoice with heart and voice,
and sing His praise forevermore.*

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and sing His praise.*

*The Lord in Zion ever reigns
and o'er the land His rule
He does maintain.
O praise, O praise.
With joy let us our alleluias ring.*

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Liturgy of Holy Communion

**God of mercy and justice, be with us.
We lift our hearts to you,
not because we are supposed to,
but because it's how we respond to your unconditional love,
because it feels good to know we are loved.**

As long as there have been people to tell them,
our ancestors in faith have shared stories of your mercy.

**Of how you gave food to the poor, clothes to the naked,
and shelter to the lost.**

And as long as there have been people to tell them,
our ancestors in faith have shared stories of your mercy.

**Of how you gave freedom to the enslaved,
opportunity to the outcast, and peace to the war-torn.**

You acted with both mercy and justice,
**rescuing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt,
providing them with manna when they were hungry.**

And your people acted with both mercy and justice,
**like the prophets who cried out to care for
widow, orphan, and stranger,
and those who provided food, shelter, and community.**

You have shared your mercy and justice with us,
not only as gifts to be received from you,
but as gifts that we are to share with the world.
We see this gift most clearly in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Jesus showed us what a life of mercy and justice looked like:

**In mercy, he gave food to the hungry.
In justice, he broke social custom and shared tables
with the powerful and the lowly at once.
In mercy, he cared for the sick.
In justice, he broke religious custom and healed on the Sabbath.
In mercy, he had compassion for the poor.
In justice, he spoke out against the Empire
that held them in poverty.
In mercy, he washed his disciples' feet.
In justice, he died without protest to expose a corrupt system.**

On the night he was handed over to the unjust system that killed him,
he protested by sharing a meal with his friends.
There, he took bread, gave thanks for God's mercy in providing it,
shared God's mercy by giving it to his friends,
then called them to remember the injustice of his broken body every time they
ate bread. After they ate, he took the cup,
gave thanks for God's mercy in providing it,
shared God's mercy by giving it to his friends,
then called them to remember the injustice
of his spilled blood every time they drank wine.

But that wasn't all.

**God's mercy and justice burst forth when Jesus died,
and his resurrection gave hope to all those
who hunger for mercy and thirst for justice.**

**God will always equip those who seek to share mercy and justice.
Even death cannot stop God's incredible grace.**

So, we ask God's Holy Spirit to be poured out on this meal,
on these gifts of mercy: bread and juice,
that we may remember Jesus' ministry of mercy and justice,
that these gifts of mercy may become for us the body and blood of Christ,
so that we may show mercy and do justice,
not just for ourselves,
but for the transformation of the world. **Amen.**

†Hymn of Commitment 710

We are Called to Be God's People

Blessing of Yvette Chambers

†Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

 **The sanctuary flowers are given by Barbara Wyatt
in honor of Randy Wyatt's birthday.** 

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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.

Week at a Glance

Monday, June 3

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga
1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Parlor
Library

Tuesday, June 4

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, June 5

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal
5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall
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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.

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. This Christian holy day commemorates when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the early followers of Jesus like fire. We invite you to wear red to symbolize fire and to celebrate the indwelling of the Spirit which is still among us today. The 10:15 am Small Groups and First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual. There will be no 11:15 am worship.

Annual Church Picnic and Bake Sale – June 9

On June 9 at 4 pm, First Baptist will be gathering for the Annual picnic at Twin Lakes Pavilion off of Chapel Hill Road. 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's bake sale is open to anyone wanting to tantalize our taste buds with a delectable dessert. Here's how it works:

- Bring delicious sale items at 4 pm.
- Auction begins at 4:15 pm. Bring an empty belly and a full wallet.
- Sales take place. As our congregation will not be going to Bridger, South Dakota this year, all proceeds of the auction will help fund a construction project consisting of repairing a water pump at the UCC church in the Lakota Community.
- Take home dessert and enjoy!

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

30th Anniversary Concert of the Columbia Handbell Ensemble

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble celebrates its 30th Anniversary Saturday, June 8 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. This nationally-recognized ensemble will bring back its former conductors and alumni ringers for a very special night of music. Join us as we journey through “Musical Time.” A reception will follow the concert. 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.

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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