



Our Worship of God

March 8, 2020

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✻ **Second Sunday of Lent** ✻

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Grand Fugue

arr. Guilain

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Beyond our busyness,
Above the cold winter floor
there is a glory rising born of heaven
and reaching out to each one of us
**a light that shines through the clouds
an invitation seeking all of who we are
that transfigures the world**
that transforms darkness into hope
that brings life from a cross
where old life ends and new life is born
**In glory Jesus meets us here
raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain
carrying the weight of our humanity
to the heights of heavens glory.**
Let us worship from the mountain and hear again
“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

†Processional Hymn 72

To God Be the Glory

(Please turn and face the cross as it enters)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Hebrew Bible Reading

Donna Ostercamp

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer: Give way to Glory (responsive)

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

May we give way to glory, O God
May we let the light tangle with our lives
that we may see what you see in us

may we see what you see

a love born in eternity
that find a home in our souls
and wants to be there
a word that lifts itself
from page into life
and tells a story
that begins with itself

may we see what you see

a vision that brings past and future
into the one meeting place
and offers is all as present
a wisdom born of generations
where time nurtures the promise
and the longings of believers
wondering if this will be the generation that breaks it open

May we give way to glory

and dare its splendor

to rekindle our faith

and transfigure our lives

So be it.

Amen

Lenten Theme Interpretation: Reflecting on the Glory of God

Where have you seen God's glory this week? This year?

Matthew 17:1-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Meditation on Art**Questions for Reflection**

*What surprises you about this image?
What emotions, thoughts, or questions arise?*

*What's seen is seen, and cannot be unknown;
 and so he turned my soul, and turns it still.
 We'd walked a while, just him and us alone;
 we'd wandered up some ordinary hill.
 The air was cold, the conversation died.
 I wondered if I'd left the stove alight.
 The curtains of the world were torn aside;
 and naked glory overwhelmed my sight.
 And oh, the voice, that called to him by name,
 so comforting, so terrible to hear:
 that man I knew, yet not the same,
 touches my arm, and tells me not to fear;
 but as I raise my eyes, the light is gone,
 and life, and something more, must carry on.*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

A light beckons us, a new day rises up, around and within us
and we are afraid;
 A voice calls us, echoing in the stillness,
and we are confused;
 A dream awakens in us, a hope is born within us,
and then we remember that we are the beloved,
 warmed by the light that surrounds us,
gathered into a community of faith,
 and we give thanks. Amen

†Hymn 498

I Love to Tell the Story

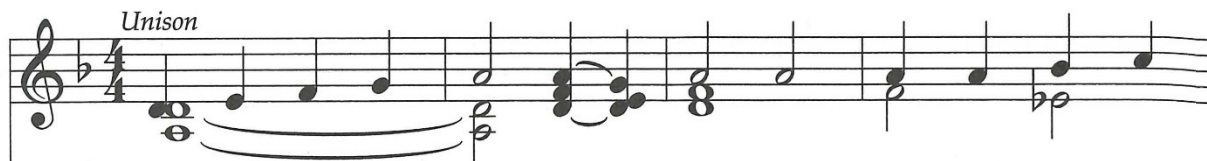
Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment

Transform Us

Unison



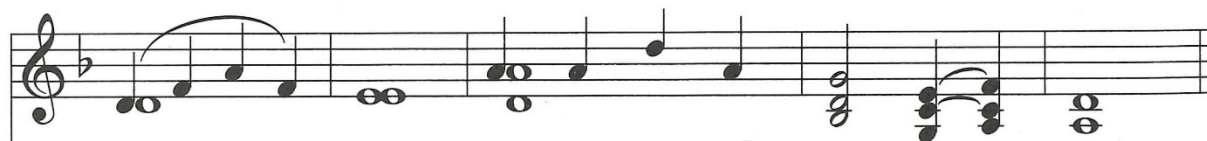
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Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,
ho - ly ones. We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness
in a shrine. Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion—



search us with re - veal - ing light. Lift us from where we have
of those saints whose work is done, live in this world as your
time and truth we quick - ly bind. Lead us down those dai - ly



fall - en, full of ques - tions, filled with fright.
Bod - y, cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.
path - ways where our love is not con - fined.

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

arr. Burkhardt

†Benediction

Worship Notes

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Prayer: Give way to Glory (Source: Roddy Hamilton, Listening to the Stones)

Transfiguration, Words by Thomas Thurman, Music by Kathryn Rose

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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

Sunday, March 8

4:00 pm First Kids Choir

Children's Suite

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Gathering

Student Suite

Monday, March 9

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

5:30 pm Serving Team (Missions) Meeting

Office Commons

5:30 pm Children's Ministry Task Force

Conference Room

Tuesday, March 10

11:45 am-2:00 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 pm The Calling

Student Suite

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Thursday, March 12

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

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.

Lenten Series

Our theme for the season is *Journey Through Lent with Art*. The series includes a different work of art, a famous painting or sculpture, for every Sunday of Lent through Easter. Our worship series are often left-brain focused, taking on heavy theological topics, and trying to understand them in a new way. However, this series is about right-brained spirituality: connecting with God on a heart level. If you have ever been moved by a piece of music, a movie, or a theatrical performance, then you know art has a way of communicating beyond where words can take us. This series seeks to provide space to experience our God who is beyond all words.

St. Pat's Annual Dinner Adventure – March 17

It's time for our St. Pat's Italian dinner adventure! This year we are venturing out to Jefferson City to Ria's. We will take the bus and depart church at 5:30 pm and return about 7:30 pm. There will be a prize for whoever wears the best green outfit! Please RSVP by March 15 to Paula Thomas at paulalou52@gmail.com or 573-442-1149. Fellowship Adventures is a group of First Baptist members and friends who get together for fun and travel to local attractions and restaurants, typically on a monthly basis. All are welcome!

ForColumbia – April 25

ForColumbia 2020 is less than two months away! Our congregation will be partnering with 50 churches and over 2000 volunteers to serve our city on Saturday, April 25. Currently members of our church will be leading sites at Benton Elementary, individual home serving sites, and a new knitting/ sewing site to create hats and blankets for NICU babies. More projects are to come. If you are interested in leading at a serving site, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. Sign ups for ForColumbia volunteers begin Sunday, March 8 and continue through April 13. You can sign up online at <http://forcolumbia.com/volunteer>. Watch for more information soon.

Palm Sunday - April 5

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 and walk down together. Children will need to be brought by their caregivers.

Good Friday Service - April 10, 6:00 pm

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for worship. Good Friday is the day that we commemorate the suffering and execution of Jesus by the Romans occupying empire in Jerusalem. We will gather around the cross to sing, pray and reflect together on all that Jesus means to us. We will continue our Lenten theme of *Journey through Lent with Art* with a meditation of Jesus on the cross. Childcare is available.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 11, 10:00 am

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. Be sure to bring your own baskets! Kids will enjoy crafts, games, treats, and hunting for Easter Eggs.



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:

- Color of Compromise Group (Conference Room) This study explores American Church complicity in racism. A video recaps one chapter each week followed by discussion. Prior reading isn't required, and all are welcome.
- 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

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

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Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation

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