

# JESUS, WHY SO MYSTERIOUS?

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*Exploring Jesus'  
secretive identity  
in Mark's Gospel*



# *Our Worship of God*

*January 24, 2021*

*11:15 am*

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**Pre-Service Music**

O, When Shall I See Jesus?

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**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

In mystery and grandeur  
**we see the face of God.**

In earthiness and the ordinary  
**we know the love of Christ.**

In heights and depths  
and life and death:  
**the spirit of God  
is moving among us.**

Let us praise God.

**Opening Hymn 2**

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*We invite you to light a candle at your place of worship  
as a visual reminder of God's presence with us.*

## **Song of Praise**

## **Break Through**

*There must be more  
Beyond familiar shores  
Into waters unexplored  
This one desire  
Stirring here in me  
Deep is calling out to deep*

*Take me from where I've been  
Into something new  
I'm giving up control  
I need a breakthrough  
All of my dreams and fears  
Are crashing into You  
You're waking up my hope  
You are my breakthrough  
Come breakthrough*

*Your love so wild  
Conquers my defenses  
Opens the impossible*

*It's so amazing  
How you take the ashes  
And turn them into beautiful*

*Take me from where I've been  
Into something new  
I'm giving up control  
I need a breakthrough  
All of my dreams and fears  
Are crashing into You  
You're waking up my hope  
You are my breakthrough  
Come breakthrough*

*You're making all things new  
You're making all things new  
It's what You always do  
You are my breakthrough  
You're making all things new  
You're making all things new  
It's what You always do  
You are my breakthrough*

*Take me from where I've been  
Into something new  
I'm giving up control  
I need a breakthrough  
All of my dreams and fears  
Are crashing into You  
You're waking up my hope  
You are my breakthrough  
Take me from where I've been  
Into something new  
I'm giving up control  
I need a breakthrough  
All of my dreams and fears  
Are crashing into You*

*You're waking up my hope  
You are my breakthrough  
Come breakthrough  
Take me from where I've been  
Into something new  
I'm giving up control  
I need a breakthrough  
All of my dreams and fears  
Are crashing into You  
You're waking up my hope  
You are my breakthrough*

*Come break through*

## **Responsive Reading**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

God, may we hear the exhortation of the scriptures,

**To trust in you,**

To pour our hearts out before you,

**To repent of our idolatry of money and power**

And turn our attention

**And our hope,**

Toward the Kin-dom of God

**Near at hand, among us,**

Awaiting our joining-in,

**And welcoming us weary travelers.**

We turn now, away from evil,

**Away from the worship of power and money,**

Away from war- and fear-mongering,

**And toward the Kin-dom of Heaven...**

Here the most powerful force is Love

**There is no fighting to be witnessed**

No scrapping for power or influence.

**Here people are valued for themselves**

And their imago dei,

**Not for achievement, fame, or reputation.**

Here the Kin-dom, the family, of God is on full display

**Love, pouring out into all the empty spaces,**  
Healing covering all the wounded places.

**In silence, we wait for the power of God**  
We are ordinary people, going about our lives,  
**Realizing that we are Beloved through and through,**  
Realizing that Heaven is available to us now,

**Realizing that what we do here on earth matters,**  
Realizing that Christ's invitation is for us, too;  
**And jumping in - gratefully, joyfully - to this Kin-dom work**  
The present form of this world is passing away  
**The time is fulfilled, and a New Day emerges.**  
**Amen.**

## Sharing Our Gifts

### Song of Praise

Isn't He

*Captivator of the searching heart  
This Jesus how precious  
Mender of a million shattered parts  
This Jesus relentless*

*Oh oh oh  
This Jesus this Jesus*

*So wonderful so beautiful  
So kind and lovely isn't He isn't He  
Beyond compare treasure rich and rare  
Marvelous and holy isn't He isn't He*

*Giver of a grace that none could earn  
This Jesus extravagant  
Keeper of His promise and His word  
Such goodness such faithfulness*

*So wonderful so beautiful  
So kind and lovely isn't He isn't He  
Beyond compare treasure rich and rare  
Marvelous and holy isn't He isn't He*

*Oh yes isn't He isn't He*

*And You alone be honored and adored  
And You alone be glorified and praised  
And You alone be honored and adored  
And You alone be glorified and praised*

*And (Yes) You alone will reign forevermore  
And You alone are the name above all names  
And (Yes) You alone will reign forevermore  
And You alone are the name above all names*

*Oh oh oh  
This Jesus this Jesus  
Oh oh oh  
This Jesus my Jesus*

*So wonderful so beautiful  
So kind and lovely isn't He isn't He  
Beyond compare treasure rich and rare  
Marvelous and holy isn't He isn't He*

*Oh yes isn't He isn't He  
Oh isn't He lovely isn't He isn't He  
Oh yes isn't He isn't He*

*Oh oh oh  
This Jesus this Jesus  
Oh oh oh  
This Jesus my Jesus*

*So wonderful so beautiful  
So kind and lovely isn't He isn't He  
Beyond compare treasure rich and rare  
Marvelous and holy isn't He isn't He*

## **Scripture Reading**

Rev. Clyde Ruffin

### **Mark 12:13-17 (New Living Translation)**

Later the leaders sent some Pharisees and supporters of Herod to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. “Teacher,” they said, “we know how honest you are. You are impartial and don’t play favorites. You teach the way of God truthfully. Now tell us—is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay them, or shouldn’t we?”

Jesus saw through their hypocrisy and said, “Why are you trying to trap me? Show me a Roman coin, and I’ll tell you.” When they handed it to him, he asked, “Whose picture and title are stamped on it?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

“Well, then,” Jesus said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.”

His reply completely amazed them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

## **Message**

Heal Our Land

Rev. Clyde Ruffin

## Hymn of Commitment

Sing a New World into Being  
Sung to *Ode to Joy*

*Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme.  
Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.  
Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!*

*Sing a new world into being where each gender, class, and race  
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace;  
Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind!*

*Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home,  
Where no children ever hunger but are filled in God's shalom;  
Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.  
Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.*

*Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophets' cry  
For a time of health and plenty when all tears have been wiped dry;  
When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!*

## Life of the Church

### Benediction

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# Worship Notes

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*Rev. Clyde L. Ruffin accepted the call to the ministry at the age of five and preached his initial sermon shortly thereafter. He was officially licensed as a minister of the gospel in the fall of 1970. He entered the University of Iowa in 1970 where he completed undergraduate and graduate degrees in Speech and Dramatic Arts. In 1976 he was appointed as an Assistant Professor at Washington University- St. Louis. Immediately after moving to St. Louis he united with San Francisco Temple Christian Assembly and was ordained in 1978 under the leadership of the late Bishop Dwight McDaniels. He served this ministry faithfully for six years prior to moving to Columbia, Missouri to accept a senior faculty position with the University of Missouri in 1982.*

*Call to Worship* ~ from the World Council of Churches 1991: In Spirit and in Truth. Posted on the <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website.

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, January 24

- 10:00 am Online Winter Bible Study with Dr. Hulitt Gloer
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 11:15 am Online Worship Service
- 1:00 pm Annual Business Meeting via Zoom

## Tuesday, January 26

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

## Wednesday, January 27

- 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
- 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal this week
- 5:15 pm Psalm Players Zoom
- 7:45 pm Chancel Choir Zoom

## Friday, January 29

- 12:15 pm Jesus Calling: Women's Devotional and Prayer Time via Zoom

## Sunday, January 31

- 10:00 am Online Winter Bible Study with Dr. Hulitt Gloer
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 11:15 Online Worship Service

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# Announcements

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## Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490. If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

## Annual Business Meeting – Today at 1:00 pm via Zoom

We will hold our Annual Business Meeting today at 1:00 pm via Zoom following the Sunday Online Service. If you’d like to visit with other members, we will begin the Zoom meeting 15 minutes early!

## CBF Offering for Global Missions

During the month of February, First Baptist members will have the opportunity to support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world, like our very own Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen, by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Your support of the Offering for Global Missions will share the Gospel message and provide tangible gifts of God’s grace and mercy. 100% of your gifts to the Offering goes to funding the ministry of field personnel. You can send in your offering by check (made out to First Baptist Church with CBF missions in the memo line) or beginning February 1, you can choose the missions offering link on our website to give electronically. At the end of February, the church will combine all gifts and send one check to CBF. Thank you for your generosity.

## Online Winter Bible Study

In January, we invite you to join us for Winter Bible Study via Zoom! This 6-week course is designed for people who want to dig deeper in their Bible study and grow in their understanding of scripture.

Dr. Hulitt Gloer will be leading the course entitled “Reading Mark’s Revolutionary Gospel.” Knowing what Jesus said and did has never been more important than in the days in which we are now living. The Gospel of Mark tells of Jesus’ revolutionary life and message and we will examine it together. The class is perfect for laity who want to study the Bible at a more scholarly level, but you do not have to be a scholar to join. The course is designed for any and all who desire a greater understanding of the Bible. The only prerequisite is a love for the Bible.

Dr. Hulitt Gloer is Emeritus Professor of Preaching and Christian Scriptures at Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University and taught at Truett when Pastors Michael and Carol McEntyre were students there.

The study is held on Zoom on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. It began today and will run for 6 weeks. There is no need to register.

## Introducing Jon Ludwig, Pastoral Care Intern

Many congregations cannot remember the last time someone from their church sensed a call to ministry and followed that call to ordination. As part of his internship, Jon will help to provide pastoral care and spiritual support for the First Baptist Community.

## First Baptist Book Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays every other month – 7pm via Zoom

With the new year starting, the First Baptist Book Club is ready to relaunch and get our noses in books! The book club will meet the second Tuesday of every other month throughout the year. For now, meetings will be held via Zoom at 7 pm. The first virtual gathering will take place on Tuesday, February 9. The group will read *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. In this book, Taylor recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations. You can purchase the book on your own, and then be ready to discuss beginning February 9! If you would like to sign-up for the book club's email list, contact Pastor Brittany at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org)

## First Baptist Virtual Game Night – February 12

On Friday, February 12, at 7:00 pm First Baptist will be holding an online game night via Zoom. Stay tuned for more details!

## Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!