

JESUS, WHY SO MYSTERIOUS?

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



Our Worship of God

February 7, 2021

11:15 am

Pre-Service Music

The Love of God
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Marianne Kim

Welcome

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Call to Worship (responsive)

Open your hearts to God's love this day!

Praise be to God who has called us into this hour!

Let God's presence wash over you and offer you wholeness and hope.

Praise be to God who continually sustains us.

Place your hope and trust in God!

**With open hearts, we worship and praise God who
continually renews and strengthens us. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

O God of Life

O God of life, your healing touch brings wholeness and salvation!

In you, this world you love so much becomes a new creation.

Through Jesus Christ you blessed the poor, unleashed your gifts of healing.

You gave new sight, new strength, new life — to all, your love revealing.

O Christ, the loving healer still, you gather us for mission

To serve your people who are ill, whatever their condition.

You send us to the suffering with medicine and caring;

Now make our lives an offering to those who are despairing.

*Lord, by your Spirit, may we hear the truth of others' stories.
May we respect their doubts and fears, their hopes and dreams, their worries.*

*And when their ways are not our own, Lord, give us understanding:
Our faith cannot be fully grown when we are too unbending.*

*But open wide our hearts anew and show us, as we're giving,
Your life-long call to serving you in daily, generous living.*

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.*

Scripture Reading

Mary VanRheenen & Keith Holmes

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Sharing Our Gifts

Song of Praise

Into Dust

*It wasn't meant to be this way
Broken beneath the grief and pain
There's nothing left here*

*But into my dust You poured Your grace
Lifted my head and spoke my name
You'll see me through this*

*You are the Maker of my heart
You are the Healer of my scars
God I will trust in who You are
You are good You speak life (into dust)*

*God You were here right from the start
Holding each piece that broke apart
I'll trust You through this*

*You are the Maker of my heart
You are the Healer of my scars
God I will trust in who You are
You are good You speak life*

*You are the Savior of the world
But carry the weight of all my hurt
You are the grace I don't deserve
You are good You speak life into dust (into dust)*

*To the dust You called my heart to rise
With Your breath in me I am alive
I will trust in You
I will lift my hands to the skies and sing
All my hope in You the King of kings
I will trust in You*

*You are the Maker of my heart
You are the Healer of my scars
God I will trust in who You are
You are good You speak life*

*You are the Savior of the world
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Into dust*

Message

Carol McEntyre

Hymn of Response 412

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

*Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
Washing tired feet and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,*

*Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.*

Litany for Communion (responsive)

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us in this hour

**To the One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and
praise.**

God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence is but a taste of the love you extend to us every day. By your very nature, you are always seeking us out - searching for ways to connect us and connect with us. You meet us in the most ordinary of places and you make them sacred. By your grace, we come to recognize the holiness that dwells in the world around us, in our neighbors, in our own internal depths.

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens,

singing praise to you,

Holy, Holy, Holy One

God of justice and love

Heaven and earth are full of your wonder

Hosanna, among us.

Blessed are you and blessed is your eternal table. You welcome all who thirst for justice and hunger to grow in love. You ask us to extend this same welcome to all our neighbors, but God, since our beginning, we have struggled.

And so in your love for us, you took on flesh in Jesus. Through his life, you pointed to your presence on the margins. You revealed the sacredness in all life. You brought healing and wholeness. You showed us how to live together, even among forces of destruction.

Believing it could transform the world, Jesus proclaimed the Good News. He called for the captives to be set free. He spoke of the lowly being lifted up. He talked of redistributing wealth and eradicating the causes of poverty. His commitment to practicing love knew no bounds - not even the bounds of death.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

"This is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying:

"This cup that is poured out is the new covenant."

In remembrance of all you have done to save us,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us.

Christ was killed among us.

Christ rises again among us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. Make these ordinary elements into the Sacred gift of your presence with us once again. May they awaken us anew to your everlasting invitation into a life of resurrection. Aliven us in our pursuit of a world where all needs are met, power is balanced, and the worth of every creature and creation is celebrated.

In collective longing for a taste of your Kindom on earth,
we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

**Thy Kindom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever.

Amen.

Communion

Song of Praise

You Satisfy My Soul

*You make my heart sing
You lift me on eagles' wings
Just when I thought my heart would faint
You take the darkest night
And turn it to shining light
Just when I thought that the night had won*

*You satisfy my soul
You satisfy my soul
You satisfy my soul with Your love*

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You lift me on eagles' wings
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*Hallelujah You make all things beautiful
Hallelujah trials and testing proves there's gold
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Life of the Church

Benediction

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 7

10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
11:15 am Online Worship Service

Tuesday, February 9

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call
7:00 pm First Baptist Book Club via Zoom

Wednesday, February 10

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

Friday, February 12

12:15 pm Jesus Calling: Women's Devotional and Prayer Time via Zoom
7:00 pm First Baptist Online Game Night

Announcements

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.

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 Rheen, 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.

Zoom Game Night – Friday, February 12 at 7 pm

During these cold winter months, we need to have some fun and spend some time together. Join us for Zoom Game Night! We will have two games going at the same time in Break-Out Rooms. You can choose to play Farkel, hosted by Paula Thomas or Scattergories, hosted by Brittany McDonald Null. Farkel is a dice game, and you will need to bring 6 dice to Zoom. Scattergories is a creative-thinking game; you will need a pen and paper. We will be emailing the links for the game night soon!

First Baptist Book Club

2nd 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

Lenten Series

Lent, the six-week period leading up to Easter begins February 17 with Ash Wednesday. Our Lenten Theme this year is *Again & Again*. In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again.

Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time lives are taken unjustly, every time the powerful choose corruption and violence, every time individuals forget how to love. With exacerbatation we exclaim, "Again?! How long, O God?" And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair." Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward.

Drive-Thru Lent Devotional Pick-up

February 14 from 1-3:00 pm

This year, we are offering a Lenten Devotional put together by *Sanctified Art*. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, this weekly devotional follows the Revised Common Lectionary through Easter Sunday. Each week offers: scripture readings, biblical commentary, poetry, visual art, written reflections, and coloring pages. We encourage you to walk through these weekly readings at your own pace throughout the season, following the rhythm that works best for you. First Kids Families can also collect their Lent-at-Home bags at this time.

Lent-at-Home Bags

Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter is a season of preparation. Traditionally, the three pillars of lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This year, First Kids is emphasizing prayer. Similar to the Faith at Home Advent Boxes, families can collect a Lent-at-home bag during the drive-thru Lent Devotional pick-up on Sunday, February 14 from 1-3 pm. Boxes will include a family devotional centered on prayer, a daily prayer calendar to countdown the days of Lent, pancake mix, a piece of an easter mural, and a few other surprises. If you are unable to attend the drive-thru event and would like to schedule a different time to collect your box, email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org

Zoom Pancake Party – Tuesday, February 16 at 6 pm

First Kids Families are invited to a Zoom Pancake Party for Shrove Tuesday! Each family will receive pancake mix in their Lent-at-Home bags along with some syrup. Why pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? Traditionally, the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter was a time of fasting. Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. This tradition is so popular that Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day! Our digital gathering will be a time for families to check in, eat pancakes (or whatever dinner works best for your family), hear briefly about our Lenten plans, play a simple Lenten-themed scavenger hunt, and most importantly see one another.

Ash Wednesday – February 17

Lent begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday. This year, you will have two opportunities to mark the beginning of Lent. From Noon-1:00 pm Pastor Carol McEntyre will be in the church parking lot offering drive-by imposition of ashes. You will get a chance to see Pastor Carol and to receive the imposition of ashes. The marking of ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of believers as a reminder of mortality and belonging and is how Christians begin the forty-day journey of Lent. At 6:30 pm, we will come together for a virtual Zoom worship experience. We will sing, hear scripture readings, and set our intentions for Lent.

Tuesday Evening Visio Divina Bible Study -Begins February 23

Visio Divina, Latin for “divine seeing,” is a method of meditation, reflection, and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. Visio Divina extends the 6th century Benedictine practice of Lectio Divina by the use of visual imagery. Traditionally, Visio Divina was accompanied by Benedictine iconography and illuminations, however, different faith traditions have adapted the process over time, utilizing both secular and nonsecular images. During Lent, Pastor Brittany will be leading a Visio Divina Bible Study via Zoom at 7 pm. The meeting will be a blend of visual meditation with group discussion and bible study.

Stations of the Cross Experience- March 1-17

In addition to the virtual Lenten opportunities, we are also creating an in-person Stations of the Cross Experience, which will be set up in the Sanctuary open March 1-17. The Station of the Cross Experience honors the ancient story of Jesus’ death while recognizing the ways this narrative repeats itself again and again throughout the past and present. It provides multi-sensory ways to engage, confess, and lament, creating a profound and prophetic worship experience. Designed by Rev. T. Denise Anderson, the service features her original artwork and artist statement, *Pietà: “Woman, Behold Your Son; Behold Your Mother—*a sermon project exploring the story of Mamie Till-Mobley (the mother of Emmett Till) and the grief of Mary, mother of Jesus, beholding her son on the cross. You can sign up for a time by going to our website.