



THE GOOD LIFE

Practices for
Abundant Living

Our Worship of God

May 16, 2021

9:15 am

Prelude

Someone's Praying Lord
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by John Behnke

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Opening Prayer

God of work and rest,
the eyes of all look to you in hope;
and you give them what they need.
You open your hand
and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We, too, turn to you again, longing to be filled—
to eat of the Bread of Life,
to drink from your life-giving streams,
to taste your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in your presence
nourish our hearts and minds;
may it strengthen our relationship with you,
and renew our commitment to live in this world as your faithful disciples.

For you are our God,
the Source and Sustainer of life.

Amen.

Opening Hymn 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

*God of grace and God of glory
On your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient Church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—
Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Heal your children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*As we light the Christ Candle in the Sanctuary, we invite you to
light a candle in your place of worship as a reminder
of God's presence who invites us to rest and reflect together.*

Scripture Reading

Rachel Jeffries

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain

O Lord Hear My Prayer

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.*

A Prayer for Our Work (responsive)

One: Creator God,
we give thanks this day for work:
for work that sustains; for work that fulfills;
for work which, however tiring,
also satisfies and resonates with your labor in creation.

**All: As part of our thanks we also intercede
for those who have no work,
who have too much or too little work;
who work at jobs that demean or destroy,
work which profits the few at the expense of the many.**

One: Blessed One,
extend your redemptive purpose
in the many and varied places of our work.
In factory or field,
in home or school,
in sheltered office or under open sky,
using technical knowledge or physical strength,
working with machines
or with people
or with the earth itself.

One: Together we promise:

**All: To bring the full weight of our intelligence
and strength to our work.**

One: Together we promise:

**All: To make our place of work a place of safety and respect
for all with whom we labor.**

One: Together we refuse:

**All: To engage in work that harms another,
that promotes injustice or violence,
that damages the earth or otherwise betrays the common good;**

**or to resign ourselves to economic arrangements
which widen the gap between rich and poor.**

One: Together we refuse:

**All: To allow our work to infringe
on time with our families and friends,
with our community of faith,
with the rhythm of Sabbath rest.**

One: Together we affirm:

**All: The rights of all to work that both fulfills and sustains:
to just wages and to contentment.**

One: Together we affirm:

**All: That the redeeming and transforming power of the Gospel,
with all its demands for justice and its promises of mercy,
is as relevant to the workplace as to the sanctuaries of faith and
family.**

One: We make these promises,
we speak these refusals
and we offer these affirmations
as offerings to you, O God—
who labors with purpose and lingers in laughter—
in response to your ever-present grace,
as symbols of our ongoing repentance and transformation,
and in hope that one day
all the world shall eat and be satisfied. **Amen.**

Sharing Our Gifts

Special Music

We'll Shout and Give Him Glory

arr. Wilberg

Mariah Dale, Taylor Stewart, Truman Butler, and Josh Engle, *vocals*
Becki Jones and Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

*I'm on my way to Zion, I'm on my way to Zion,
I'm on my way to Zion, the new Jerusalem.
We'll shout and give him glory, we'll shout and give him glory,
we'll shout and give him glory, for glory is his own.*

*I feel the work reviving, I feel the work reviving,
I feel the work reviving, reviving in my soul.*

*We'll shout and give him glory, we'll shout and give him glory,
we'll shout and give him glory, for glory is his own.*

*Oh, how I love my Savior! Oh how I love my Savior!
Oh, how I love my Savior! Because he first loved me.*

*We'll shout and give him glory, we'll shout and give him glory,
we'll shout and give him glory, for glory is his own.*

Message

Work

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Hymn of Response

O God Our Creator, You Work Every Day
Sung to ST. DENIO

*O God our Creator, you work every day:
A potter, you form us — your people — like clay.
A shepherd, you guide us and seek out the lost.
A parent, you love us, not counting the cost.*

*Christ Jesus, how rough were your hard-working hands!
You labored among us; our God understands!
Bless workers who struggle, their families to feed;
Bless those who face hardship, oppression, or greed.*

*Lord, some live among us who need constant care,
Whose work is to make us more humbly aware.
They teach us the best of your lessons, by far:
It's not what we do, Lord, you love who we are!*

*We're baptized! Your Spirit gives new work to do,
That we, through our serving, may glorify you.
Each person's vocation, each calling, has worth
As you send us out to bring Christ's love on earth.*

Graduate Recognition

Josiah Hake
Joseph Edgar
Rachel Jeffries
Truman Butler
Nicholas Edgar
Isabel Quintela S Martins
Yvette Chambers
Jeffrey Adams

Blessing of the Graduates

Life of the Church

Benediction (unison)

**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 stepping in - gratefully, joyfully, and with intention –
to this Kin-dom work.**

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 16 - Graduation Sunday

- 9:15 am Online Worship Service
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
- 11:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn

Tuesday, May 18

- 1:00 pm -3:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Parlor

Wednesday, May 19

- 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
- 6:00 pm The Calling
- 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal
- 7:45 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost

- 9:15 am Online Worship Service
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
- 11:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn
- 2:00 pm First Families Pentecost Party

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, you can fill out a visitor card at fbc-columbia.org/guest

9:15 and 11:15 Sunday Morning Worship

-Beginning Sunday, June 6, we will move our outdoor, in-person, on-lawn service to 9:15 am. This will allow those who might not be ready to worship indoors the opportunity to continue worshipping outside even as the weather warms up. It will also allow for more choices during the worship experience (social distancing will still be practiced and we will ask that masks be worn at times when social distancing cannot be maintained, but during the worship service itself, individuals may choose to sing and respond without the use of mask).

-Our 11:15 am service will be a hybrid worship experience for both online and in-person, indoors worship in the sanctuary. The idea for this service will be to learn how we will move forward with a service that engages those in the room and online simultaneously. We also know that because of the age and design of our sanctuary, it does not meet the recommended air exchange rate needed for unrestricted, indoor gatherings. As such, the hybrid service will maintain social distancing in the sanctuary with designated seating areas and masks will be required at all times for attendees, even if vaccinated.

Childcare for Toddlers – Pre-K

We are excited to announce that childcare will be available during the on-lawn service for toddlers through pre-k on the playground. Our Nursery Director, Bethany James, has been hard at work recruiting workers to ensure kids have a fun and safe experience. Children can be checked at 11:00 am at the playground entrance on the front lawn. We are thankful for Bethany's diligent work, and for spaces to safely gather outdoors for worship and play!

ForColumbia Signups

First Baptist will be leading sites at Benton Elementary and our Extra Mile House, but ForColumbia has lots of different projects all across the city that can accommodate any skill set or limitation. Check out the serving options at <https://www.forcolumbia.com/serving-sites/>. You can also read about Covid safety measures and plans for serving safely on the website as well. When you sign up on the site, be sure to choose First Baptist for your sponsoring church and list the name of the site you are interested in serving in the comments/group section. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email Michael at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org for help. Thanks for helping us spread God's love throughout our city.

Annual Church Picnic 2021 – Sunday, June 13 at Bethel Park

What is different about this year's church picnic? Well, we get to have it! The First Baptist Church Picnic is set for Sunday, June 13 at Bethel Park from 4:00-6:00 pm. Typically, we bring a side dish to share. We are not doing that this year, but you can bring your own meal or snacks. You can also bring your favorite outdoor game. Your lawn chair might be nice too. Plus, we get to have the (almost) Annual World Championship Egg Toss!

First Families Pentecost Party - Sunday, May 23

2-4 pm on the front lawn

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after he ascended. This celebration happens on the seventh Sunday after Easter. This year, Pentecost is on Sunday, May 23. On the day of Pentecost, our church colors are red to reflect the story found in Acts 2 where the Spirit comes like fire. We celebrate by dressing in red too!

This year, in celebration of Pentecost, First Kids will be hosting a family event to celebrate Pentecost. Beginning at 2 pm we will hear the Pentecost story and celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the birthday of the Church with cupcakes and pinwheels. Following our guided Pentecost activities, we will have some fun opportunities to gather with sidewalk paint, 9 square in the air, and more. Additionally, the playground will be open but please note there will not be a paid childcare worker to monitor. Wear red and come join the party!