

Our Worship of God

July 25, 2021

11:15 am

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King JanEl Will & Colleen Ostercamp, *piano four hands*

arr. Keveren

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Why have you come to this place?

We have come to find Jesus.

Why have you come today?

We are tired in body and spirit.

Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

We are hungry with nothing to eat.

Come and eat your fill.

But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

There is plenty for all.

Will we find wholeness here?

Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

†Opening Prayer

†Hymn of Praise

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You who yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We who once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Community Ministry Report: Extra Mile House Pastor Michael McEntyre

John 6:5-13

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to Christ.**

Question for Reflection

Why would Jesus ask them "to gather up the fragments"?

"Gather up the scattered fragments, so that nothing may be lost," Jesus charged the twelve disciples, as they each with basket crossed up and down the grassy hillsides where the multitude was fed, till each basket brimmed to fullness with the still remaining bread.

Give us, God, the grace to hunger for the feast that does not fade, for the water fresh and living, for the bread no hands have made. Help us claim and share your giving as the pattern for our own, till all people grasp your goodness and your saving power is known.

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing of Our Gifts

Anthem

O Shout and Sing!

Chancel Choir

Colleen Ostercamp, piano
Ken Ostercamp, drum

arr. Page/ Shafferman

O shout and sing and clap your hands, ye people of the Lord.
Creation join to celebrate one God forever more.
Sound the trumpet, play upon the harp and pipe and drum.
O shout and sing and clap your hands to God forever more.
Alleluia

O shout and sing and clap your hands, ye people of the Lord.
Creation join to celebrate one God forever more.
Sound the trumpet, play upon the harp and pipe and drum.
O shout and sing and clap your hands to God forever more.
Shout and sing to the Lord!

Carol McEntyre

+Hymn of Response 238

Because He Lives

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon; An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; Because he lives all fear is gone; Because I know he holds the future, And life is worth the living just because he lives.

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude Trumpet Flourish by Nelson

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 25

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

Tuesday, July 27

1:00 pm -3:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, July 28

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, July 30

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

Sunday, August 1

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

- Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

10:15 am, 11:10 am, 12:20 pm Open House at Extra Mile Transition House

4:00 pm First Kids Pool 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 or use this QR code.



Serve on Sundays: Graphics Volunteers

Around a third of those who worshiped with us last Sunday joined us online. Their ability to participate in worship was no doubt enhanced by the words for worship, which appear on the screen. Prior to the pandemic in Traditional Worship, we did not have words on the screens. As we all learned from worshipping at home during the pandemic, having the words for worship on the webcast increases accessibility and online participation in litanies and hymns. We would like to continue this practice, but to make this possible we need additional volunteers. Graphics volunteers work behind the scenes to share the message of the church. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more contact, Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or speak with Lillian Hoell or Ross Kasmann, both current graphics volunteers.

First Kids Pool Party

First Kids and their families are invited to a pool party on August 1 from 4-6 pm at the Thornbrook Pool. Let's beat the heat and have some fun while doing it! Floaties and pool noodles are allowed and there is also a small kiddie pool. While the pool will continue to be open to Thornbook residents, First Kids has reserved the clubhouse. Please note, this pool does not have a lifeguard on duty and a caregiver is required to attend with their children. RSVP by July 20 to join the fun!

Calling All Handy Folks

Open House at our Extra Mile Transition House - August 1

We are excited to have the opportunity to invite our congregation to stop by our Extra Mile Transition house on August 1 following both services and our Small Group hour. For those who would like to walk over, we will gather in the front yard (weather permitting) at 10:15 am, 11:10 am, and again at 12:20 pm to walk to the house, approximately 3 blocks away. If you would like to drive, directions will be given out at the church on August 1. At the house, we will take the opportunity to hear how the Extra Mile program is transforming lives, pray for the house and the ministry it represents, as well as offer our congregation ways to volunteer support in the weeks and months ahead.

Extra Mile Transition House Workdays - August 15, 27, and 29

Specifically, you will have the opportunity to sign up to help prep and paint inside the house between August 15 and 27 and take part in our day of cleaning after church on August 29. We will also be working to establish our cleaning, maintenance, and hospitality teams to assist with future transition times between residents. We hope you will make plans to join us after worship on August 1 to see this ministry partnership in action.

Join us Sunday, August 15 as we seek to Thrive for Racial Justice

As you know, First Baptist is part of the *Thriving for Racial Justice* project, which is a cohort of 27 churches from across the United States and Canada who have made a 5-year commitment to take an honest look at how Christianity has perpetuated racism in our country. *Thriving for Racial Justice* is a project of the Alliance of Baptists, in partnership with the Lilly Endowment and sociologists of Race and Religion. This project will work to shed light on the challenges of racism among white dominant congregations in our country and help churches, like First Baptist, to expand our commitment to racial equity and increase our capacity for confronting racial justice.

On Sunday, August 15 during both worship services, Pastor Carol will be preaching about why she thinks this is so important and during the 10:15 Small Group we will gather in the parlor to learn more about what it means to be a part of the Thrive for Racial Justice cohort. Dr. Kevin Doughtery, one of the sociologists working on the Thrive project will be our guest during the small group hour. Dr. Doughtery is Associate Professor of Sociology at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. His research explores religious affiliation, religious participation, racial diversity in congregations, congregational growth and decline, and the impact of religion on other realms of social life such as community involvement, politics, and work. Specifically, he will be giving us an overview of the Thrive project and explaining the survey, which will be administered to our congregation in September.

You don't want to miss this important Sunday in the life of our church. We hope you will join us for worship and for the small group hour.

August Sermon Series

What does it mean to be a Progressive Christian? Reflections on Marcus Borg's book *Convictions*

Marcus Borg's book, *Convictions: How I learned What Matters Most*, was one of our First Baptist summer One Reads. On his seventieth birthday, the renowned Christian scholar Marcus Borg wrote *Convictions* as the culmination of his theological reflection and faith in Christ Jesus. Borg answers the question "What's the Christian life all about?" He gets at the heart of what it means to be a progressive Christian in our age. Join us as Pastor Carol preaches on some of the themes from the book. She will be talking about how salvation is about more than the afterlife, how the Bible is political and how Christians are called to peacemaking and nonviolence. If you read the book and are interested in joining Pastor Carol for a discussion session about the book, please email her at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

First Baptist Fall Kick-off Has Returned for 2021!

Back by popular demand is our Fall Kick-Off. As we look toward the end of summer, we are gearing up for our almost annual Fall Kick-off after Traditional worship on Sunday, August 22. Our theme this year is an old-fashioned Carnival.

The church will provide the meat, beverages and tableware. We ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We ask that everyone wear their mask when not eating; we will be eating outside to help with the risk of COVID-19. We will also set up some extra tables to allow folks to spread out while eating.

You can look forward to a selection of carnival games with prizes such as ring toss, knock-em-down, and ping-pong game, as well as a photo booth. Or, if you'd like, simply sit and talk with old friends and make some new ones too.



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