



## *Our Worship of God*

*August 15, 2021*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prelude**

A Child of the King with I'd Rather Have Jesus  
Becki Jones, *piano*

arr. Ham

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

We gather to worship God,

**Who creates us and loves us;**

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**To seek justice, share power,**

**and live together in love and equality;**

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**and whose presence, grace, and love**

**sustain us in our living.**

We gather to worship God.

**To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

## †Opening Hymn 712

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

*The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.*

*The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place.  
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.*

*The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.*

*God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
And all things cry "Glory!" to God All in all.*

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Theme Introduction

Carol McEntyre

### **Acts 9:1-5, 8, 17-18**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Christ has broken down the wall.  
Christ has broken down the wall.  
Let us join our hearts as one.  
Christ has broken down the wall.*

*We're accepted as we are.  
We're accepted as we are.  
Through God's love all is reconciled.  
We're accepted as we are.*

*Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Peace and love, freely offered here;  
cast aside your doubts and fears.*

*We will tear down the walls!  
We will tear down every wall!  
God has called us, one and all.  
Christ has broken down the wall.*

### **Litany for Anti-Racism (responsive)**

Oh God, we are gradually waking up

**To the knowledge of our deep and hidden sins;**

Most particularly, to the sin of racism

**Which has affected our culture, psyche, and practice.**

We thought we could say, "Oh, those racist generations have passed on.

The civil rights movement already happened."

**We thought we had leveled the playing field.**

We thought we could ignore Whiteness.

**We thought we didn't have to see color.**

But we know that we have more work to do,

**To cleanse, heal and establish justice.**

We quit before the work was finished.

**We were wrong.**

Help us to see what we couldn't see before.

**Help us to examine everything:**

Every custom and system,

**Every group dynamic and assumption,**

To leave no stone unturned in our mission

**To rout out injustice;**

To take every thought captive

**To the loving ethic of Christ.**

This work is messy.

**We feel sensitive about it.**

We feel overwhelmed and ashamed.

**Help us not to minimize or shirk,**

Nor capitulate to our fragile egos,

**Nor be blinded by our privilege.**

Give us robust hearts,

**Willing to take an unflinching look at the racism within us.**

And as we sift through our habits, culture and customs,

**Examining them with a new sensitivity to injustice,**

Help us to embody hope,

**Peacemaking,**

Restoration,

**And above all, love for our neighbors.**

Make us aligned to the Community of Heaven,

**Diligently working for liberation. Amen**

**Sharing of Our Gifts**

**†Hymn 708**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

**Message**

Carol McEntyre

## †Hymn of Commitment

Sing a New World into Being

*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 with 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

### †Postlude

This Little Light of Mine  
Becki Jones, *piano*

arr. Hayes

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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship*, from the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website.

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, August 15

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Dr. Kevin Dougherty speaks about the *Thriving for Racial Justice Project* in the Fellowship Hall

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

1:00 pm Hiking Club at Finger Lakes

## Tuesday, August 17

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

## Friday, August 20

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

5:00 pm Fellowship Adventurers Dinner in Clark, MO

## Sunday, August 22

*-Blessing of the Backpacks & New to the Pew Blessing during both services-*

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

12:30 pm Fall Kick-Off Carnival on the front lawn

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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, you can fill out a visitor card at [fbc-columbia.org/guest](http://fbc-columbia.org/guest) or use this QR code.



## First Baptist Hiking Club

Join the First Baptist Hiking Club for a hike a Finger Lakes State Park at 1:00 pm today, Sunday, August 15. It is hot outside, so the group will take a short 1.8 mile hike and take a swim afterward. You are invited to meet up at Finger Lakes State Park in the parking lot by the swimming area. And mark your calendar for the next hike on September 25 at Ha Ha Tonka State Park.

## Extra Mile Transition House Workdays

Thanks to all who came through our tours on Sunday to pray for the ministry and work of the Extra Mile program. We have much to do before September 1 to prepare for our next resident. To join our efforts, click the Volunteer rotator on the church webpage at [www.fbc-columbia.org](http://www.fbc-columbia.org), and sign up to help with immediate projects (painting, deep cleaning, light maintenance) or sign up for one of our ongoing ministry teams (Hospitality, Cleaning, Maintenance, and Grounds). You can find out more about these individual teams on the sign up page. Work is beginning this week and we hope to start and finish all the painting between August 15-27 in preparation for our final cleaning and finishing touches to be done after church on August 29. You can also email Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) if you have any questions or want to pick a specific time to serve. Thanks for helping to make this ministry a success.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us on August 22 during both worship services for our annual blessing of the backpacks and the new school year. Participants will have the opportunity to share about their feelings for returning to school, receive a backpack tag, and be reminded that God is with us all the time. Whether starting school for the first time, moving to a new school, staying at the same school, or returning to school in person after learning virtually, children, teens, and adults are invited to bring their backpacks and receive a blessing.

## New to the Pew Blessing for 1st and 2nd Graders

With the beginning of the school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews. On Sunday August 22, during both worship services we will be presenting Bibles to our first and second graders and offering a blessing over them and their families. As a church family, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to talking alongside our kids in their faith.

## First Baptist Fall Kick-off Fall Carnival - August 22

Our Fall Kick-off theme this year is an old-fashioned Carnival. Instead of having a potluck for Fall Kick-off, we are serving barbeque sandwiches and hot dogs, with chips and baked beans. We will let you know the per person cost, those who are able can pay full price and others are invited to pay what they can. We will be eating outside and will 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 and photo opportunities. Or, if you'd like, simply sit and talk with old friends and make some new ones too.

## The Wardrobe Celebrates 50 years of Ministry

The Wardrobe, supported by volunteers and donors from First Baptist Church for many years, hit a major milestone in 2020 as it enjoyed its 50th year of operation. COVID-19 interrupted a planned celebration last year and to get back on track a 51st Anniversary will be celebrated on August 18th, 2021. Guests and volunteers are invited for refreshments during normal operation hours of 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Wardrobe provides clothing at no charge to disadvantaged clients and also sells to the public. Income from sales is used to help provide shoes for low-income school children each year.

## Join Chancel Bells

### *Wednesday Night Rehearsals Begin August 25*

Are you looking to join an amazing group of people? Do you have a desire to make beautiful music? Do you want to hit metal things with mallets to de-stress? Come and join the Chancel Bells where all of these things and more can be a reality! Handbells are a great way to express yourself musically and grow your musical talents. Don't know how to ring or even how to read music? Never fear, handbells are easy to learn and a great avenue for learning to read music.

Chancel Bells rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 25. Nursery care is available for those who need it. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield at [nhartsfield2010@gmail.com](mailto:nhartsfield2010@gmail.com).

## Youth Semester Kick-Off – August 29

We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm to travel to Fulton, MO to Bob and Gail Hoell's Adventure Land. There will be swimming, Pickle Ball, Rock Climbing, Trampoline fun, and more. Parents are invited to join us for the afternoon. We will eat dinner at 5:30 pm and wrap up around 6:30 pm so youth can get a good night's sleep for their first full week of school!

## New Sermon Series - September 12

### *The Psalms: Pursuing God in Mountains and Valleys*

The Psalms are often called the prayer book of the Bible. They are a beautiful collection of prayers, poetry and songs which show us how to engage with God through the mountains and valleys of life.

They contain the entire range of human emotions: despair, hope, joy, sorrow, anger, fear, thanksgiving and praise, expressed in prayer. They attest to all the feelings that arise in the ups and downs of life and they give voice to our desire and struggle to connect with God throughout life. The Psalms allow us to be honest before God. As Walter Brueggemann says, they encourage “candor about suffering and gratitude about hope.”

This fall, we will get the chance to explore the Psalms together. Beginning September 12, I will be preaching on the Psalms, and we will be engaging with them in worship through prayer experiences and music.

In addition, we are excited that Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford will be our Sheppard Lecture speaker during the adult small group hour at 10:15 am on Sundays. She has written several books about the Psalms and will lead us in a Bible study on the Psalms.

Dr. deClaissé-Walford is a professor of Old Testament at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, where she has taught for 22 years. She earned a bachelor’s degree in ancient history from California State University in Northridge, California; a master’s degree in Semitic languages and literature from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California; and a doctor of philosophy in Old Testament from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Dr. deClaissé-Walford is the author of *Reading from the Beginning: The Shaping of the Hebrew Psalter*; *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Textbook*; *The Book of Psalms: A Song from Ancient Israel*; and *The Book of Psalms: The International Commentary on the Old Testament*.



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