



I've been
meaning
to ask...

a series for curiosity,
courage, & connection

Our Worship of God

February 6, 2022

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Thee We Adore O Blessed Savior
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Healy Willan

† Call to Worship (responsive)

We come into this place
with the hope of growing deeper,
with the hope of connecting,
with the hope of glimpsing God.

If all of these things take place,
if our spirits are moved,
and we sense God is near,
and we feel more than lucky for the gift of faith,
and then the service comes to an end,
and it's time for us to leave,
and we ask ourselves,
where do we go from here?"

Then I would say to you,
"Go out into the world
to love and to share and to learn,
but come back soon,
because this is the beginning."

Yes, this is only the beginning!

So come on in.
Fill your cup here.
Be present here.
God is here.

Let us worship our Holy God.

†Opening Hymn 486

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Scripture Reading

Don Sewell

Acts 10:1-6, 9-16

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside."

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 297

Spirit of the Living God

Acts 10:17-20, 25-28

Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them."

On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

**We believe that God is a conversationalist,
drawing close to us and asking,
“What do you need? Where does it hurt? Who do you long to be?”**

**We see this conversational God in Jesus Christ, God’s own flesh,
who walked the earth speaking with the poor,
the hungry, the lonely, and the outcast.**

**Therefore, we believe that our call as people of faith
is to continue this holy conversation
with those who look and think like us,
as well as with those who share little in common with us.**

**We believe that through these conversations,
we are able to catch a glimpse of the Kin-dom of God,
so we continue the conversation in hope.**

Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

A Place at the Table *Chancel Choir*

by McDonald

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, everyone born, a star overhead
And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness, to worship,
for everyone born, everyone born, the right to be free
And God will delight when we are creators of
justice and joy, compassion and peace,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy!*

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

I've Been Meaning to Ask, Where Do We Go From Here?

†Hymn of Preparation

One Bread, One Body

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

*Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

*Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

God of conversation,

we are here, trying to be courageous.

We are trying to be curious.

**We are here trying to build connections in this
lonely and isolated world.**

Plant questions in us that, like seeds, grow into a garden of connection.

**Plant affirmation in us that, like laughter,
is contagious and mood-changing.**

Plant curiosity in us that, like rain, washes away any judgment we carry,
replacing it with a desire to understand.

**And when we have your words in our mouth,
and your mind in our hearts, then teach us how to listen.**

Teach us how to hear the message under the words—the grief, the hurt,
the fear, the shame that hangs under sentences like bats under a bridge.

Help us to hear and make space for those unspoken truths.

Then teach us how to listen to voices that differ from us—

voices with different opinions,

with different histories,

with different perspectives.

So that like Peter and Cornelius, we might move through disagreement
and ultimately find you.

God of conversation, we are here,

trying to be courageous.

We are here,

trying to be curious.

We are here,

trying to build connections.

It is easier said than done.

**We need you like we need this community,
like we need the sunrise every morning.**

So draw near to us. Teach us how to speak. Teach us how to listen.

Meet us at this Table with open arms and holy conversation

so that we might catch a glimpse of you in this meal and be changed.

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Communion

†Hymn of Response 697

In Christ There is No East or West

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Wold

Worship Notes

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, Words: Frederick W. Faber, 1862. Music: Lizzie S. Tourjée

Spirit of the Living God, Words: Daniel Iverson, vs. 1, 1926; Michael Baughen, vs. 2, 1978. Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926.

One Bread, One Body, ©1978 John B. Foley, S.J., and New Dawn Music. Words and Music: John B. Foley, 1978

In Christ There is No East or West, Words: John Oxenham, 1908. Music: Alexander R. Reinagle, c. 1830.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 6

9:15 am Awakening Worship

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

Monday, February 7

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 8

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room and via Zoom

Wednesday, February 9

10:00 am Yoga Class

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 10

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom-*Before Amen* Book Study

Sunday, February 13

9:15 am Awakening Worship

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

Announcements

Visitors

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.



Volunteer for Room at the Inn at First Baptist February 20-27

Room at the Inn (RATI) is a winter shelter designed to provide a warm and safe place to sleep for those in need. The shelter is supported by area churches and local volunteers. First Baptist will host Room at the Inn from Sunday, February 20 to Sunday, February 27 in the Fellowship Hall, but you don't have to wait until then to help.

First Baptist encourages our members to volunteer at any of the Room at the Inn sites by signing up at <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org>

Brunch Worship – Postponed Until March 6

We are excited to announce Brunch Worship, a holy experiment with healing and connection at its center. On the first Sunday of every month, beginning March 6 and continuing through June 5, First Baptist will gather for worship around a meal and communion at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. This worship service will take the place of our small groups and other worship services for that day. You are invited to contribute to worship by bringing whatever entrée, dessert, fruit, salad, muffin, or store-bought contribution you want to make! Children and youth are invited to be full participants in Brunch Worship. Childcare will continue to be available for children from birth through kindergarten. A Virtual Brunch Worship option will be available via Zoom for our church family who cannot join us in person.

The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity Event with Robert P. Jones

March 19-20

Saturday, March 19 at 2:00

at Stephen's College Windsor Auditorium

On Saturday, March 19 at 2:00 pm Join us for a presentation by Robert P. Jones the author of the best-selling book *White too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*. Drawing on history, public opinion surveys, and personal experience, Jones delivers a provocative examination of the unholy relationship between American Christianity and white supremacy and issues an urgent call for white Christians to reckon with this legacy for the sake of themselves and the nation. This is an ecumenical event sponsored by First Baptist, Rock Bridge Christian, Broadway Christian, and Race Onward. Stephen's College has graciously agreed to host Saturday's event.

Sunday, March 20 at 10:15 & 11:15

at First Baptist

- 10:15 am Q & A with Robert Jones in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Robert P. Jones will preach at First Baptist in the Sanctuary

White Too Long Book Discussion

To prepare our hearts and minds for the Robert P. Jones Event, First Baptist will be reading and then, on March 6, discussing Robert Jones's book, *White too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*. A second conversation will be held on March 27 to debrief the event.

Discussions will be held at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Books are \$15 and there are a few copies still available in the office.

First Baptist 200th Anniversary

November 22, 2023, will mark First Baptist Church's 200th anniversary of missions and ministry in Columbia! We invite you to help us develop a theme for the upcoming celebration. In honor of this incredible milestone, we are planning a year of events, beginning in November 2022.

A committee is already working on celebration plans. Now, we are asking for your suggestions regarding the anniversary theme. Some ideas we have floated so far are:

- Giving Thanks for 200 Years
- 200 Years of Progressive Christianity
- First & Forever in Columbia
- Unity without Uniformity

We invite you to brainstorm with us and share your theme ideas by emailing them to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

First Baptist Chili Cook-Off & Game Night – March 12

Our chili cook-off and game night has been rescheduled to March 12. Join us for a night of fellowship and fun as we connect with God and one another over good food and games!

Ash Wednesday Service - March 2 at 6:00 pm

Join us for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our Lenten journey.

*"Lent is about becoming, doing, and changing whatever it is
that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now.*

Lent is a summons to live anew."

~ Benedictine Sr. Joan Chittister



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