

Our Worship of God

April 10, 2022

11:15 am

(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Palm Sunday ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven Colleen Ostercamp, *organ* arr. Haan

+Call to Worship (responsive)

It is holy to gather. It is holy to sing. It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road. It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it. It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!" It is holy to remember. Here and now, let us do all of these things.

+Opening Hymn 204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

+Passing the Peace of Christ

During the peace, children are invited to the back of the sanctuary to collect palm branches to wave during the next hymn.

Prayer for Illumination

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king

Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

†Procession of the Palms 203

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, say, "The Lord needs it."

We believe in a God of surprises. We believe in a God with a sense of humor. We believe that there are things we may never understand, but we believe that even in the mystery, God is there.

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

We believe in giving what we have. We believe that actions of generosity change us. We dare to believe that these small acts can change the world.

The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully praising God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker. We believe in a God of good news. We believe this good news is *so* good that we cannot help but sing.

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is just, good, hopeful, and generous. We do not believe those voices will have the last word.

"I tell you," Jesus replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Question for Reflection

If the stones spoke, what do you think they would say?

Sharing of our Gifts

AnthemSing Hosanna, Singby RaneyChancel Choir, Mariah Dale, soloistNoah Hartsfield, Lynita Little, & Allison Lautenschlager, handbells

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, lift your voices let them ring! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings.

Open wide the gates of Jerusalem, lift his banner high forevermore. Sing as he rides through the streets in majesty. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, lift your voices let them ring! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings.

Message

Even the Stones Cry Out

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Jesus Comes with All His Grace

Life of the Church

+Hymn 468

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+Benediction

As you leave this place, may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May you laugh, and may it be contagious. May you overflow with love for those around you. May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of your living, and breathing, and being, may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit, and may it change your life. In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself go in peace, full to the brim. Amen. **†Postlude** Hallelujah! What a Savior

Bliss

Colleen Ostercamp, organ

Worship Notes

Cover Art:

Even the Stones Cry Out by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman Inspired by Luke 19:28-40 Digital painting with photo collage

In this piece there are three stones bordered in gold to reference the voice of God, the truth that will not be quelled. Down the sides of the image are the Pharisees or the "silencers" in postures of quieting judgment. My hope was for the silencers to be completely visually enveloped and drowned out by the stones. I left the silencers simplified and unfinished to signify that their attempts at diminishing the truth would ultimately and always be in vain. —Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

All Glory, Laud and Honor, Words: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; tr. John M Neale, 1854. Music: Melchoir Teschner, c. 1613; harm. William H. Monk, 1861.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Words:Jeannette Threlfall, 1873, alt. Music: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle, 1784.

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Monday, April 11

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

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

Wednesday, April 13

10:00 am Yoga Class 5:45 pm Youth Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt 6:30 pm Chancel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 14

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom-Love is the Way Book Study

Friday, April 15 – Good Friday

6:00 pm Good Friday Service in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 16

10:00 am First Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 17 – Easter Sunday

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

<u>Visitors</u>

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.



Youth Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt - April 13

On Wednesday, April 13, our youth are invited to participate in the Amazing Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt Race! Students will meet at the church at 5:45pm.

Good Friday - April 15

We invite you to join us at 6:00 pm on Good Friday, April 15. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for an interactive worship service.

First Kids Easter Egg Hunt - April 16, 10 am

Join us Saturday, April 16 at 10 am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Following the egg hunts, families are invited to participate in sack races, lawn games and 9 square

Easter Sunday - April 17

Come join us for Easter worship on Sunday, April 17, and bring a friend! We will celebrate Christ's resurrection, the day hope is realized, in the Awakening Contemporary Worship service at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and the Traditional Worship service at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. At 10:15 am, there will be pastries and beverages to enjoy.

First Baptist Work Day - Sunday April 24

It's time for some spring cleaning and we need your help!

Tasks will include some light yard work, mulching, planting, a bit of painting, inside organizing and cleaning. Work will begin after the small group hour for those who normally attend the first service. A picnic lunch will be provided following the second service, as we hope more people can join us. Volunteers may want to bring work gloves, old clothes, and a water bottle. We are planning to be done by 2:30 pm. You can sign up at the church or email Pastor Michael at mmcentyre@fbccolumbia.org.

First Baptist Book Club – April 26

The First Baptist Book Club will meet on the last Tuesday of the month, April 26 at 6 pm to discuss *No Cure For Being Human* by Kate Bowler. Purchase or check out books on your own and join us in the office commons for snacks and conversation.

Colleen Ostercamp Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm, we will gather in the sanctuary for a musical celebration of Colleen Ostercamp's 30 years as First Baptist's organist.

live.fbc-columbia.org - A New Webcast Experience

We have a new and exciting way to worship online. By using live.fbc-columbia.org, our online community can more closely participate with our in-person attenders. When you join the service using live.fbc-columbia.org, either on our website or directly in your browser, you will notice several elements for worship, including access to the bulletin, a place for notes, an option to offer prayer requests, a handy side bar for looking up Scripture, a place to give, and the schedule for upcoming services. Perhaps the best feature of live.fbc-columbia.org is the ability to chat with other worshippers online during the service without the distractions or online ads experienced with other services. This feature will connect participants with those in person and will be live hosted by one of our online greeters or staff members. First Baptist is excited to offer this new experience for our community of faith and hope you will encourage others to join us for worship.

Unidiversity Camp - June 25-July 11

After missing the last 2 years, our youth are heading back to Unidiversity Camp this summer, June 25- July 1! Please contact Michael at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org if you have any questions. \$50 deposits for camp are due by April 24. Two \$100 payments will be due May 15 and June 12. Friends are welcome and encouraged to join us for camp.

ForColumbia Day of Service - April 30

Sign up today at forcolumbia.com/volunteer/

ForColumbia is a city-wide day of service that brings together churches in Columbia to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. On April 30, First Baptist will join with volunteers from more than 45 partner churches to serve. First Baptist will be taking the lead on 3 projects this year: working at the Reentry Opportunity Center, outside work at our Extra Mile house, and building a wheelchair ramp for a community member. However, your service is not limited to those sites. If you need assistance signing up, email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



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