

Our Worship of God

August 23, 2015

11:15 am

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(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand.)

Moses: *The Man Behind the Movies*

Greeting

Prelude

Oh, Worship the King

Call to Worship (unison)

- Though an outcast, though flawed, Moses was God's choice to lead the Israelites to a new life.
- Though an outcast, though rejected, Jesus was sent by God to bring hope to the marginalized and oppressed, to lead all people to new life.
- Though imperfect, we are welcomed by God to new life through Jesus Christ.
- Whatever our failures, whatever our successes, we are welcomed to worship by a God with open arms, by a God of marvelous grace.

+Processional Hymn 472

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God. our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Forgive our misguided attempts to do the right thing but in the wrong way. God of second chances, set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

+Assurance of Pardon

If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven.

Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

+Passing the Peace of Christ

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Steven Potter

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Exodus 2:11-24

One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his kinsfolk. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting; and he said to the one who was in the wrong, "Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?" He answered, "Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "Surely the thing is known." When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the land of Midian, and sat down by a well. The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. But some shepherds came and drove them away. Moses got up and came to their defense and watered their flock. When they returned to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come back so soon today?" They said, "An Egyptian helped us against the shepherds; he even drew water for us and watered the flock." He said to his daughters, "Where is he? Why did you leave the man? Invite him to break bread." Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah in marriage. She bore a son, and he named him Gershom; for he said, "I have been an alien residing in a foreign land." After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

†Hymn

Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life Sung to AZMON

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within: pour out your ever faithful love and wash away my sin.

My guilt is heavy on my mind; I know what I have done: against your justice I have sinned, against you, God, alone.

Create in me a faithful heart, and spirit right and new. Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

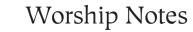
Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice. You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!

Message

Carol McEntyre

+Hymn of Commitment

Healer of Our Every Ill



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+Offertory Sentence

Offertory	The Gift to be Simple

Wood

+Benediction

Postlude

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Healer of Our Every Ill

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Ross and Michelle Kasmann, and big brother Elijah, on the birth of Alexandria Nicole. She was born on Thursday, August 20 and weighed 7 lbs 11 oz.

Widening Our Welcome

Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 pm over dinner in the Fellowship Hall

As part of our "Widening Our Welcome" series, Tim Carson, Pastor at Broadway Christian Church, will be with us to talk about covenant, which is at the heart of every marriage relationship, and Broadway's choice to become Welcoming and Affirming. To make your reservation for dinner (\$5/person) contact the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org. Childcare will be available; please mention number of children when you make your reservation.

Fall Kick-Off

On August 30, join us for a picnic and fun on the lawn at 12:30 pm! There will be an inflatable slide, dunking booth, snow-cones, and more! Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side to share.

A Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year:

Children, youth, and teachers are invited to come forward during Awakening and Traditional Worship, bringing their backpacks to be blessed for the year ahead!

Music Ministry Rehearsals Set to Resume

Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and Psalm Players Band will resume on Wednesday, **September 2**. (There are no rehearsals this Wednesday, August 26.)

New singers, ringers, and instrumentalists are always welcome. Please contact Ed Rollins at rollins@fbc-columbia.org, or just find him on Sundays.

African Congregation - Revival

On Saturday, **September 5**, our African congregation will be holding a revival in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist. Pastor Carol McEntyre will be preaching. All are welcome to attend. Watch for more information coming soon!

Volunteers Needed: Night Under the Stars

On **September 27**, First Baptist will host Night Under the Stars, a fundraising event for Room at the Inn designed to help students better understand the effects of poverty in homelessness in our community. To make this event work, we need adult volunteers to: help prepare food, serve a meal, lead in our poverty simulation, serve as hosts, help with registration, serve as overnight leaders, help with set up and tear down, and more. You can sign up online on the church website or by emailing mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. Mark your calendar today to help with this great event.

Sunday, August 23

Promotion Sunday 9:15 am Awakening Worship Fellowship Hall 10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups 2nd floor classrooms 11:15 am Traditional Worship Sanctuary 5:00 pm African Worship (in Swahili) Fellowship Hall

> Monday, August 24 9:00 am Senior Yoga Parlor 6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

<u>Wednesday, August 26</u> 5:30 pm Widening Our Welcome: Tim Carson Fellowship Hall <u>Thursday, August 27</u> 5:30 - 8:30 pm Fundraiser for the Kausler family

Logboat Brewing Company

Sunday, August 30

Blessing of the Backpacks, during both morning worship services 9:15 am Awakening Worship Fellowship Hall 10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups 2nd floor classrooms 11:15 am Traditional Worship Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fall Kick-Off Front Lawn 5:00 pm African Worship (in Swahili) Fellowship Hall **Nursery:** (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Extended Session: children ages 3-5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor. Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor. Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches, USA, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.

To view the live webcast of either of our worship services, go to www.ustream.tv. Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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