



First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

September 20, 2015

11:15 am

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

Moses:

The Man Behind the Movies

Greeting		Ed Rollins
Prelude	Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain	arr. Wold
Introit	Be Still, God Will Fight Your Battles	
Scripture Reading		Rosa England

Exodus 14:5-29

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, “What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?” So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s

horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Be Still, God Will Fight Your Battles

Invocation

Carol McEntyre

†ProceSSIONAL Hymn 26

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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

†Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Anthem

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

arr. Parker

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal
Ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters,
With their deep and solemn roar.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.*

*And my soul though stained with sorrow,
Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters
To the city far away.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!*

*Souls have crossed before me, saintly,
To that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly
In the mansions of the blest.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!*

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

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Message

Carol McEntyre

Prayer of Liberation (unison)

*Liberating God, we worship you.
We praise you for delivering your people of old
from enslavement in Egypt
by opening up a new and unexpected future before them.
They experienced your grace and mercy in awesome and life-
sustaining ways.
Through these acts you showed your compassion
for the weak and powerless of this world.
We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us
when your love and compassion, your mercy and grace
became enfleshed in Jesus Christ.
He delivered us from the bondage of evil and sin through his death
on the cross.
The impossible once more became reality
when love defeated evil once and for all.
We pray that this time of worship will be a true offering
of our wonder and praise
that you should care for us so deeply and so faithfully.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

†Hymn 674

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

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Prayer for Refugees (responsive)

Lord, it is you who has taught us to be a people that welcome the stranger and the refugee into our lives, knowing that, in doing so, we may be a

host to your messengers.

It was you who instructed the people of Israel not only, to do no wrong to the sojourner in their midst, but to treat them as one of their own, reminding them that they too were once strangers in the land of Egypt.

It was you who called Abram out of Ur into a land that was not his own because of a promise you had for him and for the whole world through him.

It was you who not only promised, but also brought about the redemption of your people from captivity in Babylon, setting them free and returning them to their homes.

It was you who taught us that what we do for the “least of these our brothers and sisters,” we do also for you. Hear now our heartfelt prayers for the many people who flee war in Syria to take refuge in a land that is not their own.

Renew the strength of the hospitable ones who welcome them in and offer them your love. Guide the hands of the servants who, through acts of mercy small and large, care for your wandering people. Fill the minds of those who must make difficult decisions with your admonition to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

In all places of desperation and anxiety, may your perfect love blossom and cast out fear.

We call upon you, God of the stranger, to work justice and peace in the midst of fear and death. Give us the words to say and the silences to keep so that your love might shine vibrantly before a world that is eager to forget that we are all strangers searching for a home. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Ed Rollins

The Pharaoh decrees death to the foreigner.
The power of fear and hate rage surround us.
In the face of evil
Forgive us our complacency.

The burning bush flickers beside us.
The presence of God invites us.
In the presence of the holy
Forgive us our lack of notice.

The Red Sea waters stand at attention.
The threshold of grace is breath-taking.
In the company of grace
Forgive us our reticence to embrace.

Assurance of Pardon

Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage, channel to a life made new.

†Hymn of Commitment

Crashing Waters at Creation

(see next page)

†Offertory Sentence

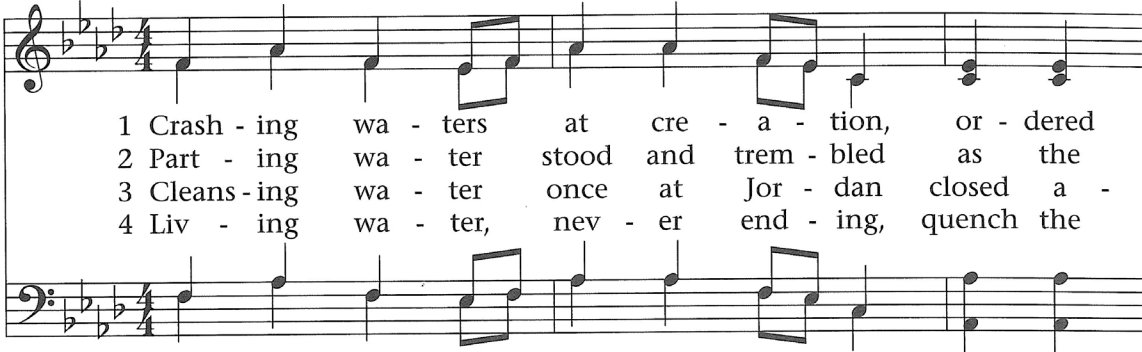
Offertory

Here I Am, Lord

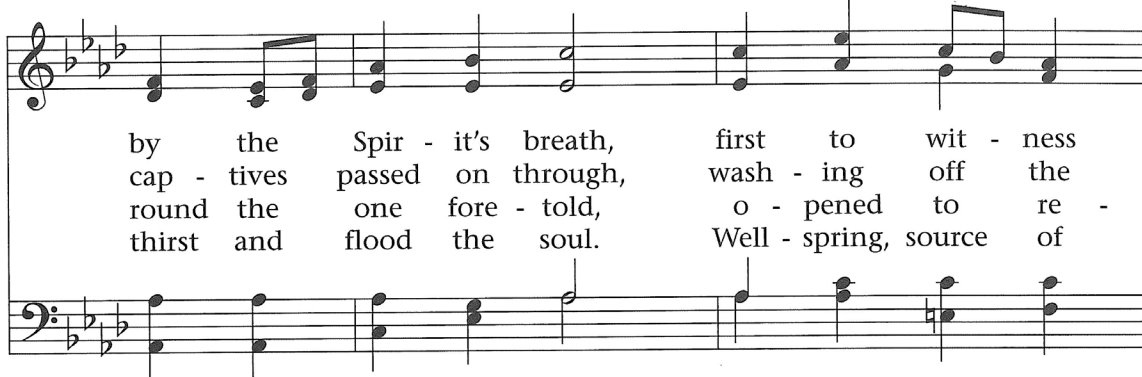
arr. Wagner

†Benediction

Postlude



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thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, source of



day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
chains of bond - age, chan - nel to a life made new.
veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Crashing Waters at Creation.

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Night Under the Stars

Night Under the Stars is Almost Here

We still need volunteers to help with Night Under the Stars on **September 27**. Night Under the Stars is a fundraising event for Room at the Inn designed to help students better understand the effects of poverty in homelessness in our community. There are lots of ways to serve.

You can sign up on-line on the church website (click the Night Under the Stars rotator, scroll down on the event page and choose volunteer here to pick your spot) or by emailing mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. We will also have a sign-up sheet between the buildings on Sunday. Look for a time you can help and volunteer.

Volunteer Opportunities & Schedule:

- Set Up Crew: Sunday, September 27, 2-4 pm
- Registration Desk: Sunday, September 27, 4-6 pm
- Leaders to join us for the Poverty Walk Sunday, September 27, 4-7 pm
- Facility Hosts: Sunday, September 27, 4-11 pm
- Workers for the Poverty Simulation: Sunday, September 27, 6-9:30 pm
(These volunteers will serve as the leaders for different areas during the Poverty Simulation. You will be trained on what to do from 6-7 pm.)
- Over Night Shift: Sunday, September 27, 10:30 pm- September 28, 7 am
- Breakfast Crew: Monday, September 28, 6:30-8:30 am (This group will help cook and serve breakfast.)
- Clean Up Crew: Monday, September 28, 8:30 am-Finish

Announcements

Summer Book Discussions

You've read them over the summer, now it's time to discuss them. Join us for the discussions of the Summer Reading list books!

The Luminous Web

Pot-luck Dinner, Monday, **September 21**, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Hosted and facilitated by Meridith Green

Location: The Home of Meridith Green

Introducing the Missional Church

High Tea, Saturday, **October 3**, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Hosted and facilitated by John and Sandy Hall

Location: Church Parlor

**There is one copy of this book still available from the church office. Call 573-442-1149 to reserve.*

Please RSVP to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org with which events you will be attending. Feel free to attend even if you have not read or finished the book(s).

Announcements

Children's Ministry — Parent Meeting

Parents, you are invited to come and talk about the future of our Preschool and Children's Ministry on Tuesday, **September 29** at 5:30 pm in the parlor. The Personnel Committee has begun the process of looking for a new Director of Children's Ministry and we want to get your input. We are also inviting the Teaching Team and the Children's Ministry Team to come participate. We will be serving a taco bar from Moe's for dinner and there will be child care available. RSVP by 12 pm on September 28 at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

Work Day at Pastor Nene's House

The Serving Team is hosting a workday at Pastor Nene Peter's house on Saturday, **October 3** from 9:00 am to noon. We will be working on seeding the yard, planting landscaping and possibly finishing up some painting. You can sign up to help on the signup sheet at the church or by emailing Dave Bennett at dbennett@ess-inc.com. Come help us as we put on the final touches for move in day.

Fall Sheppard Lecture Series

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Rev. Dr. David Gushee is the Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University. He is the author or editor of 20 books in his field, including *Kingdom Ethics* and *The Sacredness of Human Life*. He has been puzzling over Christians, conflict and change for a very long time. Gushee will be our guest Sunday, **October 18 for our Fall Sheppard Lecture** (see schedule below).

Dr. Gushee's release of the book *Changing Our Mind* added a new chapter to his scholarship and activism. In this book, Dr. Gushee makes a biblical case for all Christians to open their hearts to full acceptance and equality for gay Christians. You can pick up a copy of *Changing Our Mind* during the week in the church office or in the hallway outside the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

First Session:

9:15 am
during Awakening Worship

"How I Changed My Mind
on LGBT Inclusion"

Second Session:

10:15 am, over brunch in
the Fellowship Hall

"Revisiting Scripture"

Third Session:

11:15 am
during Traditional Worship

"Everyone Is Included - from
Genesis to Jesus"

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, September 20

9:15 am **Awakening Worship** *Fellowship Hall*

10:15 am **Widening Our Welcome: Bible Study** *Parlor*

11:15 am **Traditional Worship** *Sanctuary*

4:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** *Sanctuary*

5:00 pm **The Calling** *Youth Suite*

5:00 pm **African Worship (in Swahili)** *Fellowship Hall*

8:00 pm **College and Young Adults: Coffee and Waffles** *Youth Suite*

Monday, September 21

9:00 am **Senior Yoga** *Parlor*

5:30 pm **Book Club: The Luminous Web** *Home of Meridith Green*

Tuesday, September 22

5:30 pm **Church Council** *2nd Floor Conference Room*

Week At-A-Glance

Wednesday, September 23

5:30 pm **Psalm Players** *Sanctuary*

6:30 pm **Chancel Bells** *Sanctuary*

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** *Sanctuary*

Thursday, September 24

6:30 pm **Praise Band Rehearsal** *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, September 27

9:15 am **Awakening Worship** *Fellowship Hall*

10:15 am **Widening Our Welcome Series: Bible Study** *Parlor*

11:15 am **Traditional Worship** *Sanctuary*

4:00 pm **Night Under the Stars** *Fellowship Hall*
(Through Monday, September 28 at 9:00 am)

5:00 pm **African Worship** *Sanctuary*

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**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.**

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.

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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