



LOVE > FEAR

# *Our Worship of God*

*February 26, 2023*

*11:15 am*

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

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**Greeting**

The Many

**Singing Together**

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends  
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Singing Together**

Let the Glory of the Lord

*Let the glory of the Lord rise among us  
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us  
Let the praises of our God rise among us  
Let it rise.  
(Repeat)*

*Let the songs of the Lord rise among us  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us  
Let the joy of our God rise among us  
Let it rise*

*Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.*

*Let the wonder of creation rise among us  
Let the wonder of creation rise among us  
Let the beauty of us all rise among us  
Let it rise*

*Let the voice of the silenced rise among us  
Let the voice of the silenced rise among us  
Let the sound of their song rise among us  
Let it rise.*

*Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.*

*Let the glory of the Lord rise among us  
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us  
Let the praises of our God rise among us  
Let it rise.*

*Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise. (repeat)*

## **Gathering Litany**

We come here today.

**And we come as we are.**

## Singing Together

## Come as You Are

*Come you who've been wounded  
All you who've lost hope  
Come you are longing  
for what you do not know.*

*Come you hungry for justice  
Aching for heaven on earth  
Come you who've been tossed aside  
Don't remember what you're worth*

*Come as you are. Come you weary.  
Come and lay your burdens down  
Come as you are. Bring your hopes.  
Bring your doubts and your scars;  
Come as you are.*

*Come you who've been cast out  
All you who've been shamed  
come you who are looking  
for that mystery you can't name.*

*Come you crying for mercy  
Hoping for peace on earth  
Come you carrying questions  
All you who've been so hurt.*

*(Chorus)*

*Oh you misfits and prophets and you sinners and saints  
Oh you broken and needy, weird and weary and faint  
All who seek to simply open their eyes  
All who need to find a safe place to cry*

*(Chorus x 2)*

## Scripture Readings

### **Psalm 26:2-3**

Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  
test my heart and mind.  
For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

### **Isaiah 41:13-14**

For I am the Lord, your God,  
who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you,  
Do not fear; I will help you.

### **Matthew 6:25-27**

Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear.. Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?

## Singing Together

Do Not Fear

*Do not fear, I am here.  
I know you by heart.  
Just as you are, you are mine.  
I know you by heart.*

*Your name is written on the palm of my hand.*

*Do not fear, I am here.  
I know you by heart.*

## A Story: God left me a message...in a toilet stall

Lenora Rand

## **Singing Together**

Love > Fear

*When I can't take the first step  
When all I'm holding is my breath  
I pray that you are there*

*When I can't seem to forget  
When I can't see the morning light yet  
I pray that you are there. I pray that love is greater than fear.*

*Love is greater than, greater than, greater than fear.  
(repeat)*

*When I can't find another way  
When I don't have the words to say  
I pray that you are there  
I pray that love is greater than fear*

*Love is greater than, greater than, greater than fear.  
(repeat)*

## **Sharing of our Gifts**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

## **Offertory Music**

Lovely Needy People

## **An Invitation to Share our Fears**

## **Singing Together**

*Glory, glory, Hallelujah  
Since I lay my burden down*

## **Passing the Peace**

## Singing Together

*There is mercy enough. There is grace enough.  
There is love enough for all of us.*

## Spoken Word with Singing Response

*We Are on This Earth to Love*

## Closing Words and Life of the Church

Pastor Carol McEntyre

## A Final Blessing

## Singing Response

*We Are On this Earth to Love*

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## Worship Notes

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**The Many** Drawing on indie pop and gospel influences, The Many is an intentionally diverse group of musicians committed to honest expressions of faith, peacemaking, economic and racial justice, and LGBTQ+ inclusion. The group includes Hannah Rand, Christa Sangster Monroe, Darren Calhoun, Jonathan Ulanday, Kristina Sinks and Gary Rand. They are the house band of the Plural Guild which came together to create music, poems, prayer, visual art, liturgy, experiences and community that embrace questions and doubts, as well as faith. The Many makes music to help give voice to faith and doubt, questions and fears, laments and longings, music that speaks to a non-violent God, who is with us and for us.

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, February 26 – *The Many* Leading Combined Worship

No 9:15 am Awakening Worship

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

### Monday, February 27

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, February 28

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, March 1

5:30 pm The Calling Dinner

6:00 pm The Calling Meeting

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

### Thursday, March 2

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

### Sunday, March 5

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary



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# Announcements

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## Visitors

If you are visiting, 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 connection card at the welcome table, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at [fbc-columbia.org/connect](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect)



## Rediscovering Jesus: A Lenten Series

In Matthew 16, Jesus is walking with his disciples when he asks the question, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They share that some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets. But Peter answers, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. This question, “who is Jesus?”, will guide us through the Lenten season. The truth is, Jesus is a lot of things to a lot of people. Chances are one word isn’t enough to capture your view of Jesus either. After all, Jesus is the son of the living God, but Jesus is also a prophet, a friend, and a teacher. Our Lenten worship series is based on Diana Butler Bass’ book – *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence*. Throughout Lent, we will dive into her book and rediscover Jesus, learning there are more facets to the Son of the Living God than we could ever imagine.

## A Weekend with Diana Butler Bass – April 15-16

As part of First Baptist's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, we are hosting progressive Christian thinker and church historian Diana Butler Bass! She is an award-winning author, popular speaker, inspiring preacher, and one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality.

Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 pm Lecture

Sunday, April 16 at 10:15 am Q&A

Sunday, April 16 at 11:15 am Sermon

## Give to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Offering for Global Missions -February 2023

First Baptist Serving Team set a goal of \$2,000 to raise for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Global Missions Offering. After the earthquake in Turkey and Syria on February 6, we expanded our offering to include funds for CBF's relief response. To date, we have raised \$150 for CBF Global Missions and \$1250 for relief efforts in Turkey and Syria. We have a few more weeks to reach our goal and hope you will consider giving. Funds can be placed in one of the Global Missions envelopes in worship or indicated on the memo line of the check (CBF offering or Earthquake relief). Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. You can also donate online through our giving page. The church will send one check to CBF following the offering. Thank you for your generosity.

To learn more about the work of our CBF mission partners, you can visit [cbf.net/offering-for-global-missions](http://cbf.net/offering-for-global-missions)

## Save the date for Holy Week Opportunities

Good Friday Worship April 7 at 6:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt April 8 at 10:00 am

Easter Worship April 9 at 9:15 Awakening Contemporary & 11:15 am Traditional

## Sharing Our Stories- March 19

Throughout 2023, Pastor Carol plans to host in-depth conversations with different First Baptist folx about their faith. Mark Thomas and Elise Buchheit will be her next conversation partners. Join us on Sunday, March 19, at 10:15 am in the Parlor as they will have a 40-minute conversation about their spiritual journey! Carol has curated a list of about 20 questions to guide the conversation. Questions like: Why do you stay Christian? And what is a well-known passage or teaching from the Bible that you no longer believe or at least struggle to believe?

## Extra Mile House - Help Needed!

We are excited to report that our current resident at the Extra Mile house has found permanent housing and has been able to move. Extra Mile Homes provide transitional housing for families with children experiencing housing instability or homelessness. This is our 5th family who has gone through the process of moving from home instability into secure housing and we are proud to be able to celebrate with them. That does mean, however, that we need help in transitioning the house to prepare for a new family.

You can sign up on our website at [fbc-columbia.org/ministries/extra-mile-transitional-house/](http://fbc-columbia.org/ministries/extra-mile-transitional-house/) to help serve on a cleaning day OR to sign up for needed items to donate. If you have any questions, please email Michael at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org). As always, thanks for helping make this ministry possible.

## Chancel Bells - Ecumenical Lenten Concert and Reflection

**Saturday, March 18 at 4pm in the Sanctuary**

Please join the First Baptist Chancel Bells and the handbell choirs of other Columbia churches as they come together to present an Ecumenical Lenten Concert and Reflection. Join us on Saturday, March 18th at 4pm in the First Baptist Sanctuary as we reflect on the cross through music and spoken word. The Chancel Bells and the bell choirs of Broadway Christian Church, Calvary Episcopal Church, Community United Methodist Church, Missouri United Methodist Church, and Unity of Columbia will be participating. The concert will feature readings and reflections, a selection of music from each church, and two pieces rung in mass (all choirs playing together). The concert is free and open to the public, so please invite family and friends.



Church Staff

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