



I HOPE NONE OF US WILL EVER
FORGET THE JESUS WE HAVE
MET IN OUR OWN LIVES, WHO
HAS BEEN WITH US IN FEAR AND
CONFUSION AND LOSS,
IN FORCED ISOLATION AND
SURPRISING MOMENTS OF JOY
AND THROUGH THE
MINISTRATIONS OF OUR SHARED
HUMAN PRIESTHOOD.

IT ALL MATTERS. ALL OF IT.

-Diana Butler Bass

Our Worship of God

June 18, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

I Will Clap My Hands

by Joseph M. Martin

Becki Forsee, *piano*

Noah Hartsfield, *bells*

Ken Ostercamp, *drum*

I will clap my hands in the presence of the Lord,

I will clap my hands, make a joyful noise.

*Let praises overflow, and let the whole world know
the glory due our Maker's name.*

Declare his awesome might.

Your praises lift on high and let your hands his praise proclaim.

Clap your hands, all people, clap your hands!

†Call to Worship (responsive)

As Abraham welcomed the strangers

So God welcomes us.

God greets us with joy

and says, “rest here for awhile.”

God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

Let us rest in this holy place

where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

†Opening Song

Child of Love

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Hebrew Bible Reading

Cindy Giovanini

Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?”

The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
 words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've
 taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bears the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
 vealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the
 im - age of God's face, Let us bring an end to
 faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:
 faith of Je - sus;
 feast that frees us;
 fear and dan - ger:
 floor to raft - er: } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place.

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Litany for Loving our Neighbors

God, we ask for help in loving our neighbors -

Those who are different from us,

Those who we don't know,

Those with whom we disagree,

Those who would consider themselves our enemies,

Those whom we tend to judge.

The world offers us all kinds of excuses not to love each other,

To regard one another as Other,

To devalue one another,

To disregard the perspectives of others.

But you teach us that we are all Love's subjects,

That your promises come from unexpected places,

The words of disciples,

The faces of strangers.

Help us to follow the call of your disciples,

Help us to open our arms to embrace you,

Help us to see you in the face of a stranger,

Help us to welcome you in the love of a friend. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

†Song of Praise

All Belong Here

Message

The Promise of Hospitality

Dr. Diana Butler Bass

†Hymn of Response 710

We Are Called to Be God's People

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Worship Notes



Diana Butler Bass, Ph.D., is an award-winning author, popular speaker, inspiring preacher, and one of America's most trusted commentators on where faith intersects with politics and culture, as well as many other topics of religion and contemporary spirituality. Passionate about helping readers see themselves, their place in history, and God differently, Diana Butler Bass has written eleven books and provided commentary on a wide range of topics, from spiritual trends and challenging conventional narratives about religious practice to navigating social media with spiritual wisdom and smart theology. Her work has inspired millions and received numerous awards, including two Wilbur Awards for best nonfiction book of the year. She's also garnered awards from Religion News Association for individual commentary and Book of the Year.

Call to Worship: ~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/2011/10/19/wednesday-worship-piece-calls-to-worship/>

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 18 – Diana Butler Bass, Guest Preacher

10:15 am Q & A

11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 19

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:00–8:00 pm Journey Together Decorating Night

Tuesday, June 20

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, June 21

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, June 22

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

6:00 pm FBC Summer Game Night in the Parlor

Friday, June 23 - *Journey Together*

5:30-7:30 pm, dinner is provided

Saturday, June 24 - *Journey Together*

10:00 am-2:30 pm, lunch is provided

Sunday, June 25 - Brittany McDonald Null, Preacher

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult Small Group and *Journey Together*

11:15 am Combined Worship celebrating Journey Together in the Sanctuary

Announcements

Welcome 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



Journey Together Decorating Night

Journey Together is hosting a decorating night on Monday, June 19 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We will be transforming our church into a laboratory ready to welcome young learners and their families. All are welcome to join as we will have opportunities to serve for all skill levels. Plus, there will be some ice cream treats as a thank you from the Journey Together team!

First Baptist Game Night – Thursdays at 6 pm

Board game enthusiasts are invited to the Parlor for evenings of fellowship and fun. You can bring your own board game or play one that another friend brings. We will be meeting weekly through the summer. All are welcome!

First Baptist Annual Church Picnic

On Sunday, June 25, First Baptist will gather for our Church Picnic at Bethel Park at 5:00 pm. All are invited for an afternoon of games, walking, food, and of course, the annual World Championship Egg Toss! Lee's fried chicken, drinks, and place settings will be provided. We invite you to bring a vegetable, appetizer, or dessert to share.

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Journey Together:
Combined Worship Celebration



On Sunday, at 11:15 am, all are invited to our combined worship service honoring our Journey Together Weekend. Hear about what kids and their adults discovered, sing along with songs they learned, gaze upon our Changemakers lab, and join in the commitment to be changemakers that make a difference in the world! Because this is coming off the end of our weekend spiritual formation event, this combined worship will take place in the sanctuary where the kids and their families have worshipped all weekend and will center around their experience.



Register for
Journey Together!

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First Baptist Annual
Church Picnic
5 pm at Bethel Park



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Brunch Worship
10:15 am in the
Fellowship Hall



JULY

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Guest Preacher, CJ Duffie



Georgia-bred and Spirit-led, Christopher (CJ) Duffie lives in the freedom of Christ. Discerning the call of God as a teenager, CJ has devoted his life to the study of religion and the Church. CJ earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Faith International University, Tacoma, WA. Presently, he is a fourth year Master of Divinity student at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee Mission, KS. CJ is a proud member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, MO. CJ is married to the love of his life, Darren. CJ and Darren currently reside in the Kansas City Metro with their four pet parakeets, Beverly, Xavier, II, Mary Ann, and St. John of Chrysostom. When CJ is not working or studying, enjoys spending time with his husband.

JULY

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Guest Preacher, Aurelia Pratt



Rev. Aurelia Dávila Pratt is the lead pastor of Peace of Christ Church, a radically loving community in Round Rock, Texas. Named by Sojourners as one of "Ten Christian Women Shaping the Church in 2022", Aurelia is also the author of *A Brown Girl's Epiphany: Reclaim Your Intuition and Step into Your Power* and the co-host of the Nuance Tea Podcast.

Aurelia is a graduate of George W. Truett Theological Seminary (MDiv, 2012) as well as a licensed master of social work (LMSW, 2011). She currently serves as chair of the Board of Advocates at her alma mater, the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work at Baylor University.

Aurelia lives in Central Texas with her husband of 16 years, Lyle, and their seven year old daughter, Cosette. Find her on Instagram @revaureliajoy where she is reimagining faith and theology via spoken and written word. Learn more at www.revaureliajoy.com



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Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director,
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