



Lenten Series

Rediscovering
JESUS

Our Worship of God

March 5, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Sicilienne by Maria Theresia von Paradis
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Beloved children of God, come to worship our creator and friend!

Here we are, from the soles of our feet to the souls within us.

We are here to worship.

Come, friends of Christ, and attend this gathering with your body, mind, and spirit. Be fully present with us today.

From head to toe, inside and out, from our prayers to our thoughts to our dreams, we are present to worship.

And if our minds wander, our bodies fidget, or our spirits grow drowsy, what shall we do?

We shall worship in wandering, fidgeting, and drowsiness, for we know Jesus once wandered, fidgeted, and napped too.

Come now, let us worship!

†Opening Hymn 491

Jesus is All the World to Me

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Questions for Reflection

*“Friendship may well be the very first virtue we teach and the highest value for which we wish [children] to strive.” – Diana Butler Bass, *Freeing Jesus*, p 7.*

Think back to your earliest friendships. What memories stand out to you?

What made that person your friend?

What did you value about that person?

What do you think makes a good friend?

Sharing Our Gifts

†Hymn 242

In the Garden

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Message

Jesus as Friend

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Song of Preparation for Communion

Lamb of God

Twila Paris/arr. Larson

Chancel Bells

*Your only Son, no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God*

*Your gift of love, they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King, they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God*

*Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh, wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God*

*I was so lost, I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a Lamb of God*

*Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh, wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God*

Invitation to Imagine

Celebration of Communion

†Hymn of Response 622

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Life of the Church

†Benediction (responsive)

As you go, remember the one who went before us:

The one who calls us friend and teaches us the way of life.

The one who offers us wholeness and helps us imagine a better world.

The one who Guides our steps and is with us now and always.

Go in peace, trusting that your experiences with Christ will provide a more robust understanding of the God who knows you by name.

We will go to trust and serve the Lord.

†Postlude

Fanfare

by Mary McDonald

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Worship Notes

*The American Guild of Organists named today, "**Women Composers' Sunday**":*

The prelude is "Sicilienne" by Maria Theresia von Paradis (1739-1824). She was a sightless composer, a friend of Mozart. The anthem "Lamb of God" is by Twila Paris, a contemporary Christian music singer. The postlude "Fanfare" is by Mary McDonald, a contemporary American sacred music composer.

Call to Worship, — Call to Worship by Illustrated Ministry and adapted by Brittany McDonald Null

Jesus is All the World to Me, Words & Music: Will L. Thompson, 1904.

In the Garden, Words & Music: C. Austin Miles, 1912.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Words: Joseph M. Scriven, c. 1855. Music: Charles C. Converse, 1868.

Benediction by Rev. Brittany McDonald Null

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, March 6

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 7

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, March 8

- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 12

- 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

Announcements

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



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.

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 on Saturday, March 18th at 4pm in the First Baptist Sanctuary to present an Ecumenical Lenten Concert and Reflection. The Chancel Bells and the bell choirs of Broadway Christian, Calvary Episcopal, Community United Methodist, Missouri United Methodist, 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.

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?

Kindness Focus for March - [#KindnessFirst](#)

Our kindness focus for March is: workplaces & volunteer organizations.

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

A Weekend with Diana Butler Bass – April 15-16

As part of First Baptist's 200th 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

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/ 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. As always, thanks for helping make this ministry possible.

Time to think about ForColumbia- Call for Leaders and Sites

This year First Baptist will join with numerous churches around our city to share the love of Christ with our community on Saturday April 29. ForColumbia is anticipating serving in over 80 sites this year and is in need of volunteers who can serve as site leaders. Site leaders are folks who can help prepare the work and organize needs prior to the day of serving. You would be the lead person on the day of the project, but would have the full support of ForColumbia to make sure your day is successful. If you would like to volunteer to be a site leader, contact Michael McEntyre by March 19 for more details.

Also, if you know of someone in our community who owns their home and might have a need that could be fulfilled through ForColumbia's day of service, you can have them fill out a referral form (or you can place it with their permission) at <https://forcolumbia.com/sites/>



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