

The background is a soft, textured purple watercolor wash. On the left side, there is a white line drawing of Jesus, depicted from the waist up, wearing a robe and having a halo. The drawing is simple and elegant. To the right of the drawing, the text "Lenten Series" is written in a small, white, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Rediscovering" is written in a white, cursive script font. At the bottom, the word "JESUS" is written in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

Lenten Series

Rediscovering

JESUS

Our Worship of God

March 12, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prelude

Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee
Colleen Ostercamp, organ

arr. Whitsett

† Call to Worship (responsive)

God, our teacher and guide,

we are here to worship!

Illumine our minds with how we might grow into more mature
disciples of Christ,

following in his footsteps of love and justice.

Speak to our hearts through scripture, prose, song, and prayer.

Meet with us, Great Teacher, we want to learn from you.

† Opening Hymn 6

Father Eternal, Lord of All Ages

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Questions for Conversation

*“Without good teachers, those grown-up guides on a path toward work and
adulthood, most of us would not be the people we have become.”*

– Diana Butler Bass, *Freeing Jesus*, p 62.

Think about your favorite teachers growing up.

What did you love about them?

What made them a good teacher?

Litany for Teachers and Our Great Teacher

Mary found Jesus “sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” Later, Jesus would be referred to most often as teacher by his friends. Let us affirm God’s calling of teachers and remember Jesus, our ultimate teacher.

God calls people to educate, guide, cultivate, and inspire.

We know teachers are part of God’s plan for us all at every age.

God calls people to share knowledge and prepare us for the future.

**We believe teachers are people who have the knowledge we need,
so we listen.**

God gifts teachers with creativity, patience, expertise,
and clear communication.

**We affirm teaching is a spiritual gift, and we partner with teachers
to make truth known.**

We give thanks for the teachers in our lives who have inspired
and equipped us.

**We give thanks for those both inside of the classroom and out
who modeled what they taught.**

We also give thanks for Jesus, our Great Teacher,

who taught in the Temple,

on the mountain,

by a lake,

at the table,

at a wedding,

in a field,

to crowds,

to friends,

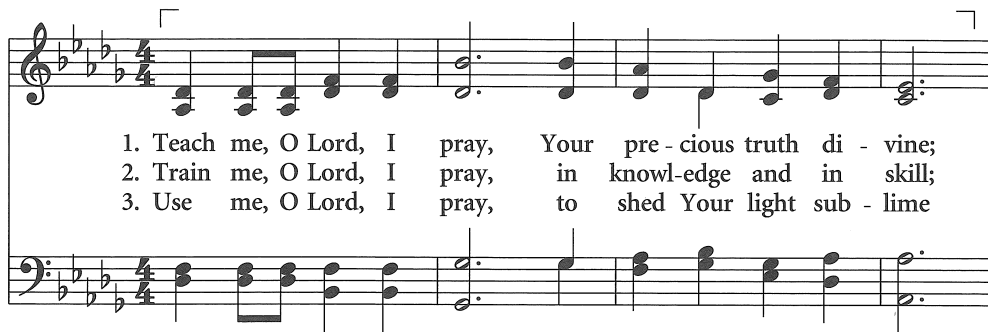
to us.

We give thanks to you, Great Teacher,

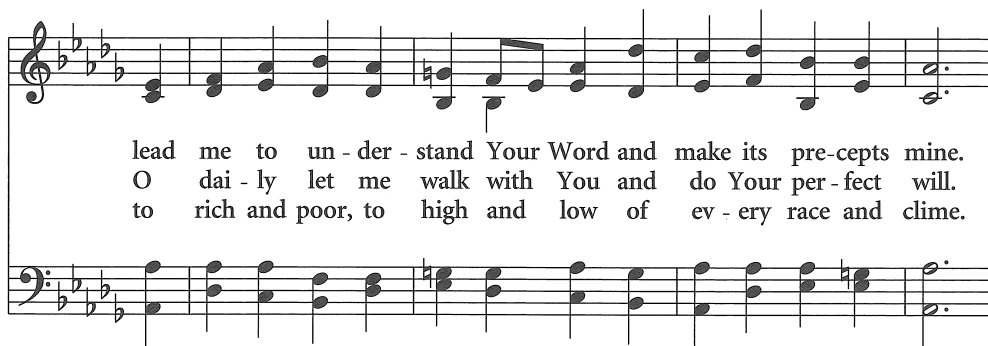
Guide us, as we learn to walk in your ways.

†Hymn

Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray



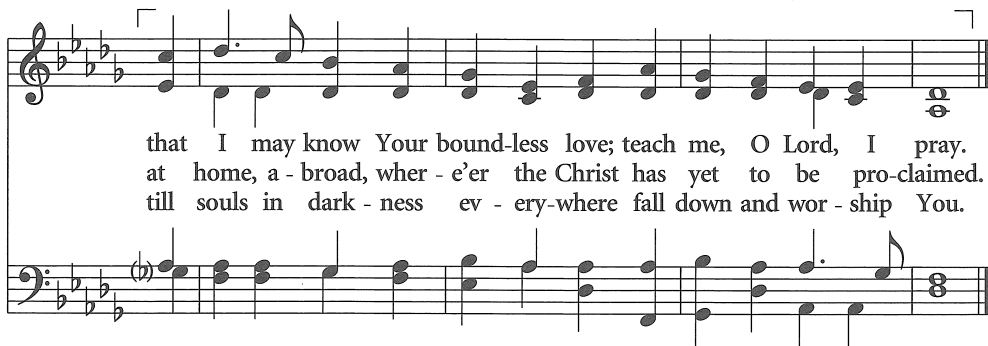
1. Teach me, O Lord, I pray, Your pre - cious truth di - vine;
 2. Train me, O Lord, I pray, in knowl - edge and in skill;
 3. Use me, O Lord, I pray, to shed Your light sub - lime



lead me to un - der - stand Your Word and make its pre - cepts mine.
 O dai - ly let me walk with You and do Your per - fect will.
 to rich and poor, to high and low of ev - ery race and clime.



Im - part Your wis - dom, Lord, shed light up - on my way,
 O train my heart and mind to serve You un - a - shamed,
 O may Your flam - ing zeal burn con - stant - ly and true,



that I may know Your bound - less love; teach me, O Lord, I pray.
 at home, a - broad, wher - e'er the Christ has yet to be pro - claimed.
 till souls in dark - ness ev - ery - where fall down and wor - ship You.

John 13:1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Questions for Reflection

*“Although Christians call Jesus by many names,
those who knew Jesus best mostly called him ‘teacher.’”*

– Diana Butler Bass, *Freeing Jesus*, page 29.

*How have you come to know Jesus as your teacher? How does this
understanding of Jesus expand your view of God?*

*Which of the teachings of Jesus is most compelling or attractive to you?
Which teaching is most challenging or frustrating? Why?*

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

They'll Know We Are Christians

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

Ken Ostercamp, percussion

*"We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;*

*And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*Praise to the Father from whom all things come,
And praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;
Praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
God's Spirit makes us one."*

Message

Jesus as Teacher

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Hymn 574

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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

O God, Beyond All Praising
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Callahan

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, — Adapted from Prayer of illumination by Illustrated Ministries

Father Eternal, Lord of All Ages, Words: George B. Timms, 1974. Music: John Barnard, 1979; harm. Harry Grindle, 1989

Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray, Words: G. Kearnie Keegan, 1959. Music: George J. Elvey, 1868.

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak, Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1872, alt. Music: Robert A. Schumann, 1839.

Benediction by Rev. Brittany McDonald Null

Songs printed in bulletin by permission, CCLI #1515189 & OneLicense.net #A-707314

Week at a Glance

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

Monday, March 13

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study
- 5:30 pm First Baptist Fellowship Ministry Dinner at Olive Garden

Saturday, March 18

- 4:00 pm Chancel Bells - Ecumenical Lenten Concert in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 19

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Sharing Our Stories in the Parlor
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour - 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



First Baptist Fellowship Ministry – New Adventure March 16

First Baptist Adventures return with our 8th annual Italian St. Patrick's Day dinner! On March 16, we will meet at Olive Garden at 5:30 pm. Please let Paula Thomas (paulalou52@gmail.com) know if you are coming so a big table can be reserved!

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.

Sharing Our Stories - Next Sunday, 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!

University Youth Camp Sign-ups

University Youth Camp will be held July 8-14. \$50 deposits are due on March 26. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org

Good Friday - April 7

I invite you to join us at 6:00 pm on Good Friday, April 7. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for an interactive worship service. We will reflect on the crucifixion, a horrific event that reveals the worst in humanity, and on Jesus, who shows us the best in humanity— grace where grace is undeserved, humility in the face of power, and love that overcomes. Observing Good Friday makes Easter morning richer.

First Kids Easter Egg Hunt - April 8

Join us Saturday, April 8 at 10 am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Kids are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for Easter snacks and crafts before our egg hunt takes place at 10:30 am. Kids will be divided into groups for age-specific hunts. Following the egg hunts, families are invited to participate in lawn games and 9 square.

Easter Sunday - April 9

Come join us for Easter worship on Sunday, April 9, and bring a friend! We will celebrate Christ's resurrection, the day hope is realized, in the Awakening Contemporary Worship service at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and the Traditional Worship service at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. At 10:15 am, there will be pastries and beverages to enjoy. You can grab a treat and head to a small group or gather with friends on the courtyard patio.

First Baptist Presents: A Weekend with Diana Butler Bass

April 15-16

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. Diana Butler Bass will give a lecture Saturday, April 15, at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. There will be a Q & A Sunday, April 16, at 10:15 am, followed by a sermon from the author at the 11:15 am worship service. Both events are free to attend and open to the public. So spread the word and bring a friend! **A few more books are available in both worship spaces for \$5.**



Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Michael McEntyre, Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Administration
Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation
Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship,
Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director,
Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist,
Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director
Susan Goudie, Administrative Assistant,
Brenda Rice, Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities and Arts,
Mike Ide, Custodian,
Marcy Douglas, Childcare Coordinator