

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 19, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

How Deep the Father's Love For Us
Chancel Bells

†Call to Worship (responsive)

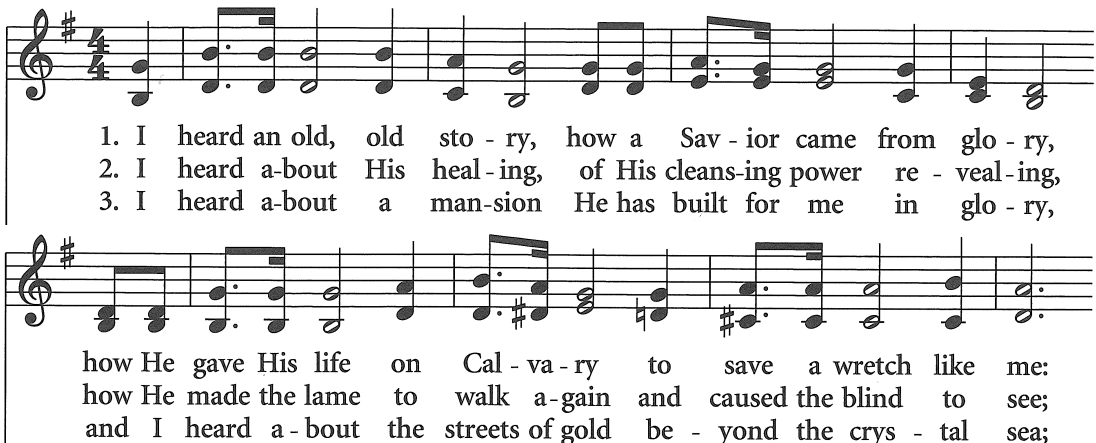
On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior
who loved us and gave himself for us.

Let us draw near in full assurance of God's endless love and mercy.

**We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ
who carries our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and redeems us from sin and death.**

†Opening Hymn

Victory in Jesus

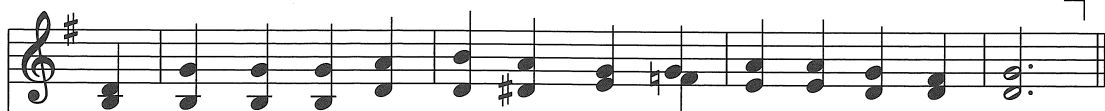


1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,
2. I heard a-bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing power re - veal - ing,
3. I heard a-bout a man - sion He has built for me in glo - ry,

how He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me:
how He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see;
and I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea;



I heard a-bout His groan-ing, of His pre-cious blood's a - ton-ing,
and then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
a - bout the an - gels sing-ing, and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,



then I re - pent-ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
and some-how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.



O vic - to-ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er,



He sought me and bought me with His re - deem-ing blood;



He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him;



He plunged me to vic - to-ry, be - neath the cleans-ing flood.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Romans 3:21-26

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Questions for Conversation

“The word salvation comes from the Latin, ‘salvus’, which originally referred to being made whole, uninjured, safe or in good health. ‘Salvus’ was not about being taken out of this life; it was about being healed. In this sense, ‘salvus’ perfectly describes the biblical vision of God’s justice and mercy, peace and well-being, comfort and equanimity. This is the dream of a saved earth—one where oppression ends, mercy reigns, violence ceases to exist and all live safety... Jesus the Savior is the one who brings this dream to reality.”

-Diana Butler Bass

How does the meaning of ‘salvus’ change or enhance your understanding of Jesus as Savior?

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

Beautiful Savior

arr. Donald P. Moore

Chancel Choir

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of man,
Truly I love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring,
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of man,
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.*

Question for Reflection

Marcus Borg notes that Christians need a broader definition of salvation. While a common understanding of salvation is that Jesus rescues believers from sin and the punishment of death, there are many other things from which people need salvation. Some people struggle with feelings of alienation or estrangement from God. Others may need to be saved from victimization, meaninglessness, or suffering. For some, their need is liberation, for others, acceptance. No matter our experience or our deepest needs, Jesus can save us.

What is your deepest need for salvation?

†Hymn 506

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Message

Jesus as Savior

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 507

I Then Shall Live

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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Leavitt

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, written by Marlene Kropf, in “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross: Good Friday Service,” posted on Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre website.
<http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca>

Prelude: How Deep the Father’s Love for Us, by Stuart Townend, arr. Peggy Bettcher

Victory in Jesus, Words & Music: E.M. Bartlett, 1939.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, Words: Horatius Bonar, 1846. Music: John B. Dykes, 1868.

I Then Shall Live, Words: Gloria Gaither, 1981. Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899.

Benediction by Rev. Brittany McDonald Null

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, March 20

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 26

- 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



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.**



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