



Lenten Series

Rediscovering
JESUS

Our Worship of God

April 2, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Palm Sunday ~

Introit

The Palms

Jean Baptiste Faure

Jonathan Ray, *soloist*
Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope,
the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!

Our hearts are filled with expectation,
as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives,
the one who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!

†Opening Hymn 204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Procession of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Anthem

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr. Vicki Hancock Wright *Chancel Choir*

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang
Through pillared court and a temple, the lovely anthem rang
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best*

*From Olivet they followed among the joyful crowd
The victory palm branch waving, the praises clear and loud
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait*

(Stand as you are able and sing)

*"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King
Oh may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Celebrating 10 Years with Pastor Michael

Rena Tratchel, *Church Moderator*

John 14:1-7

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Sharing Our Gifts

†Hymn 199

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Message

Rediscovering Jesus as Way

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prayer for Communion

Way, Truth, and Life,

we thank you for this ritual that brings us to the table together.

Thank you for your gifts of life and blood which sustain us,

as we journey with you to Jerusalem.

In this sacred moment, we remember Christ,

we celebrate his great life of love,

and we humbly ask that as we consume the bread and the cup,

we may be more like him. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

†Hymn of Commitment 107

Christ Be My Leader

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

A Joyous Carillon

C.W. Goff

Chancel Bells

Worship Notes

All Glory, Laud and Honor, Words: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1854. Music: Melchior Teschner, c. 1613.

Tell Me the Story of Jesus, Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1880. Music: John R. Sweney, 1880.

Christ Be My Leader, Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1961. Music: Traditional Irish Melody.

Benediction by Rev. Brittany McDonald Null

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday

- 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, April 3

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 4

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, April 5

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

Thursday, April 6

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

Friday, April 7

- 6:00 pm Good Friday Service in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 8

- 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday

- 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



ForColumbia Registration is Open!

Register at <https://forcolumbia.com/volunteer/>

ForColumbia is a city-wide day of service that brings together churches in Columbia to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. On April 29, First Baptist will join with volunteers from more than 45 partner churches to serve. First Baptist will be taking the lead on 3 projects this year (working at the City of Refuge, inside and outside work at our Extra Mile house, and knitting/crocheting scarves for the Assistance League), but your service is not limited to those sites.

Good Friday - April 7

We 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!

Easter Flower Orders

During the Easter season, we love to fill our worship spaces with beautiful spring flowers and Easter lilies. This is a wonderful way of celebrating the new life through Jesus' resurrection. Orders are \$10 and are due by **Monday, April 3**. Any proceeds go towards our Arts and Worship budget to help pay for flowers inside and outside of our building. If you purchased a potted flower, please feel free to take it home after the Easter Service.

Notes

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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

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Mike Ide, Custodian,

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