



Our Worship of God

April 23, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ The Third Sunday of Easter ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Prelude

How Great Thou Art
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Burkhardt

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Marin McEntyre

It is good to hear of Jesus' resurrection.

At his death, our hearts cried out and we felt lost.

But he comes to us and walks with us.

In the holy word, in the music, in the prayers,

Jesus is present with us.

Open your hearts to the Lord.

Lord, help us really be ready to receive you into our lives. Amen.

†Opening Hymn 243

Christ is Alive

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Gospel Reading

Evan Lasseter

Luke 24:13-32

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.”

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Moment of Reflection

After the resurrection, the Gospels share stories of recognition: when Jesus called Mary's name, when Thomas placed his hands on Jesus, when the disciples on the road broke bread. Each of these was a surprising moment of recognition. When was a time that you noticed Jesus unexpectedly?

Prayer for the Road to Emmaus (responsive)

God, you are always being kind to us,
 Always loving us toward yourself;
Just as Christ showed his wounds to doubting Thomas
 With grace and kindness;
Just as Christ shared his story to the disciples walking the road to Emmaus
 With patience and generosity.

It is this deep grace,
 This boundless giving,
This patient character,
 This kind regard for all;
That inspires our hearts,
 And by which we recognize you.
Relentlessly, you give of yourself
 So that we might know and understand you.

silent confession for moments you overlooked Jesus' presence

Over and over again, you kindly explain the story

In words we can take in.

We know you instantly, the moment you break bread with us --

We can see you in your glorious reality.

Make our hearts ready for more:

More understanding

More responsibility

More of your kin-dom;

And graciously work with us where we are confused

So that we may see you in your full beauty. Amen.

Sharing of our Gifts

Anthem

Amazing Grace

Chancel Choir

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Response 365

Abide With Me

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

All Your Works of God, Bless His Name!

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Behnke

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 23

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, April 24

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 25

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, April 26

5:30 pm The Calling Dinner

6:00 pm The Calling Meeting

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, April 27

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

Saturday, April 29 – ForColumbia Workday

Sunday, April 30

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



Celebrating 10 Years with Pastor Michael McEntyre Sunday, May 21

March 28 was Pastor Michael McEntyre's official 10th anniversary at First Baptist. He began his tenure with us as Minister of Youth and Missions and transitioned to his current role as Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Administration in 2018. We plan to celebrate this milestone on Sunday, May 21, with a dinner at 5:30 pm at The Roof, located at the Broadway Hotel, right across the street from the church. Michael will share some of his faith story during the celebration to coincide with the Sharing Our Stories interviews Pastor Carol is conducting this year. Please RSVP for the dinner by May 7 to churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org or by using the QR code.



Please Give to the Youth Scholarship Fund Envelope Challenge

Easter Sunday kicked off our Youth Envelope Challenge. This fundraiser event helps make all of our events equitable and affordable for our youth. Every year our student ministry offers fantastic spiritual and relational opportunities such as Youth Camp, retreats, summer events, and more. We work hard to make these events affordable for all of our students, but this would not be possible without the help of our Student Scholarship Fund. Money given to our Student Scholarship Fund allows us to lower the overall cost of an event (such as camp) for every student. You can support our Student Scholarship Fund by picking up one (or more) envelopes from the bulletin board in the connector building on a Sunday and dropping it in the offering. You can also give online to support by scanning this QR code. Thank you for your kindness.



Attention All Graduates, High School, College, & Beyond!

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 14. Graduates will be recognized in both of our worship services and there will be a light brunch between the service in the Children's Building Hallway. We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church no later than **Sunday, April 30** so it may be featured in the Spire. (For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school graduating from, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments so please help us honor all the graduates within our congregation by sending in this important information soon.

Brunch Worship - May 7 at 10:15 am

On Sunday, May 7, First Baptist will gather for worship around a meal and communion at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Brunch worship began at First Baptist as a holy experiment last year to reconnect after years of pandemic living. We enjoyed it so much we continue to offer Brunch worship several times a year. Brunch Worship takes the place of our small groups and other worship services for the day. You are invited to contribute to worship by bringing whatever entrée, dessert, fruit, salad, muffin, or store-bought contribution you want to make and by signing up to lead in worship or help clean up! Childcare will continue to be available for children from birth through kindergarten. Older children and youth are encouraged to be full participants in Brunch Worship. After our plates are full, we will take some time to eat and converse. Then, we will hear a scripture reading and explore scripture together through discussion. Finally, we will sing, pray, and clean up together. While this may look and feel different from other worship services and fellowship opportunities, it fosters meaningful connections with God and one another.

Journey Together: *Changemakers*

June 23-25, 2023

Save the date for Journey Together: A Family-Oriented Spiritual Formation Weekend. Children and their families will come together to remember that everyone can make a difference in the world through corporate worship, games, Bible study, art projects, and science explorations. Activities are geared toward kids aged 3 through 5th grade and their families, however, all are welcome! Youth can participate with their families or volunteer to help. Registration begins May 1.

Notes

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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,
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Marcy Douglas, Childcare Coordinator