



Our Worship of God

May 21, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Ascension Sunday ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

The Four Seasons, Spring: *Allegro*
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Vivaldi

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Why do you look upward?

Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.

Look around you. What do you see?

We see so many places in the world where people need God's care.

Look around you. Where will you go?

We will wait for God's Spirit to guide us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven.

Let our hearts ascend with him.

†Opening Hymn 92

Crown Him with Many Crowns

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Medley of the Ascension 260 v. 1&4, 98

All Authority and Power
Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Scripture Reading

Ella Pritchett

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed (Unison)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

Beside the Still Waters
Chancel Choir

by Andrea Ramsey

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He leadeth me in righteousness.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me

All the days of my life.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Litany of Christ's Ascension

Jesus, You came into the world to restore us
to our rightful place as children of God.

You are the light of the world.

We do not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

You are the light of the world.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to you.

You are the light of the world.

After your resurrection you ascended into heaven,
leaving us instruction to go and make disciples...

Make us a light to the world.

To share the Good News with all creation...

Make us a light to the world.

To show compassion for the poor and needy...

Make us a light to the world.

To be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world.

Make us a light to the world.

We celebrate your resurrection, your ascension,
and your place at the right hand of God.

We live in the light of Christ.

We await your return, and rely upon the Holy Spirit, our helper.

We live in the light of Christ.

We are your church, your body on earth, a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.

We live in the light of Christ.

†Hymn of Response 259

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

The Four Seasons, Spring: *Allegretto*
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Vivaldi

Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 21

- 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
- 5:30 pm Pastor Michael’s 10th Anniversary at the Roof

Monday, May 22

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

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

Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost

- 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, May 29

- OFFICES CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday

Worship Notes

Crown Him with Many Crowns, Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851; and Godfrey Thring, st. 2, 1874.
Music: George J. Elvey, 1868

All Authority and Power, ©1973 Hope Publishing Company. Words: Christopher Idle, 1971. Music: Joachim Neander, 1680.

Majesty, Worship His Majesty, ©1981 Rocksmith Music. Words & Music: Jack W. Hayford, 1981.

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, Words: The Venerable Bede, 8th C; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623.

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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



RESCHEDULED: A Weekend with Diana Butler Bass

June 17-18

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, June 17, at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. There will be a Q & A Sunday, June 18, 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!

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 is now open. Visit fbc-columbia.org/together or use the QR code.

First Baptist Summer Reading

Are you looking for something to read this summer? Look no further than First Baptist's Summer Reading Guide! We have chosen three books for our congregation to read together. You can read one or read all of them. The idea is for everyone to read at their own pace throughout the summer and then join conversations about them in the Fall. Our picks are designed to be thought-provoking, foster spiritual growth, and create fruitful conversation. Books are \$15 each and can be purchased on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week.

Pentecost Sunday – May 28 – 9:15 & 11:15 Worship

Next Sunday is Pentecost! We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. Don't forget to wear your red, orange and/or yellow for worship.



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
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