

Our Worship of God

August 20, 2023

11:15 am

(**†** Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Be Joyful and Sing to the Lord Chancel Choir by Jay Althouse

Be joyful and sing to the Lord. In song we proudly proclaim: Lord, God, we praise Your name. Be joyful and sing to the Lord.

Be joyful and sing to the Lord. Let all creation cry. Give thanks to God on high. Be joyful and sing to the Lord.

Now, with one heart and one voice, Sing praise to God and rejoice. Sing alleluia, alleluia.

Praise the Lord of salvation.

Raise your voice to the sky.

Shout for joy, all ye people, sing on high.

†Call to Worship

God sings and the universe comes into being,

We worship God with awe and wonder.

God breathes and all things spring to life,

We worship God with awe and wonder.

God calls and creation is sustained,

We worship God with awe and wonder.

God is born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation,

We worship God with awe and wonder.

God fills all that has been formed,

We worship God with awe and wonder.

God is the pulse of all that is,

We worship God with awe and wonder.

†Opening Hymn 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Special Music

Jesus Loves Me

Chancel Bells

"Our daily experience of life, God, and God's world are meant to inspire us with the awe and wonder of childhood."
-Christine Aroney-Sine

Question for Conversation

What comes to mind when you hear "awe"? What feelings arise? What words would you use to describe awe?

Acts 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+Hymn 619

God Will Take Care of You

Sharing Our Gifts

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Richard Walters

Mariah Dale & Jonathan Ray

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn
That hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me rears,
I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of Heav'n and earth
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear And hear their death knells ringing When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile Our thoughts to them are winging. When friends by shame are undefiled How can I keep from singing?

Message

Awe

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Question for Refection

Make a list of a few times you felt awe.

Then, choose one and write a few sentences about that specific experience, focusing on the moments that were most powerful and had the greatest impact on you.

How did this experience make you feel?

How did it draw your attention to God?

†Hymn of Response 374

Now Thank We All Our God

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Revive Us Again Becki Forsee, *piano*

arr. Mark Hayes

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, Adapted from Third Space. http://third-space.org.uk/

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Music: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts, 1839.

God Will Take Care of You, Words: Civilla D. Martin, 1904. Music: W. Stillman Martin, 1904.

Now Thank We All Our God, Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858. Music: Johann Crüger, 1647.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 20

- 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, August 21

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 22

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 23

- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells
- 5:30-7:30 pm Youth at Midway Golf and Games

Thursday, August 24

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 200th concert rehearsal

Sunday, August 27

- 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
- 12:15 pm Fall Kick-Off on the front lawn
 - 6:00 pm College Ministry at Hexagon Alley

Announcements

Welcome 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

The Calling Kick-Off – August 23

The Calling, our mid-week gathering for 6-12th grade students, will kickoff on Wednesday, August 23 at Midway Golf and Games from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will have pizza in the parking lot, followed by a round of mini-golf and go-kart racing. The event is free for youth and their friends! This semester we will begin by looking at the Greatest Commandment and the importance of understanding ourselves as we strive to understand God. The youth room will open each week at 5:30 pm for those who want to come early to eat dinner. Activities and lessons follow from 6:00-7:15 pm. Parents can pick up students between 7:15 and 7:30 pm. We are looking forward to another great year!

Fall Kick-Off - August 27 on the front lawn following Traditional

on the front lawn following Traditional Worship

As we look toward the end of summer, we are gearing up for our annual Fall Kick-Off! This event is a great opportunity to get to know others in our community, eat good food, and play lawn games! The church will provide meat, beverages, and tableware. You can bring a side dish or dessert to share. Wear your First Baptist blue as we celebrate our 200 years in style!

New to the Pew Blessing - August 27

With the beginning of the new school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews. On Sunday, August 27 during both worship services, we will be presenting a Bible to our first graders and offering a blessing to them and their families. As a church family, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to walking alongside our kids in their faith.

College Ministry Resumes - August 27

First Baptist College ministry is starting with a free event on August 27 at 6:00 pm at Hexagon Alley. Sunday night Bible Study will resume on September 3. Text or email Pastor Brittany for more information.

Sharing Our Stories- Coffee Shop Edition - September 9

Throughout 2023, Pastor Carol is hosting in-depth conversations with different First Baptist folx about their faith, inviting them to reflect on questions such as: When (& how) have you found God in the darkness? On Saturday, September 9, join Pastor Carol at The Grind Coffee Shop located at 4306 John Garry Dr #1, Columbia, MO 65203, at 6:00 pm, for the next round of conversations. Coffee and treats will be on us! Childcare will also be provided. More details to come. This event is made possible by *Relevance to Resonance: Exploring the Practices of Transcendence in Ministry and Congregational Life* by Lilly Endowment Inc. in association with Luther Seminary.



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