



What does it mean to be a  
**Progressive Christian?**

Reflections on  
Marcus Borg's book *Convictions*

**CONVICTIONS**

HOW I LEARNED WHAT MATTERS MOST

# *Our Worship of God*

*August 1, 2021*

*9:15 am*

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

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**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prelude**

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

God loves us with a steadfast love.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!**

God loves us so much that God dwelled with us.

**Let us rejoice and live with abundant life!**

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

**Let us give thanks and receive this grace!**

**†Opening Song**

Your Love Awakens Me

*There were walls between us*

*By the cross You came and broke them down*

*You broke them down*

*And there were chains around us*

*By Your grace we are no longer bound*

*No longer bound*

*You called me out of the grave*

*You called me into the light*

*You called my name and then my heart came alive*

*Your love is greater  
Your love is stronger  
Your love awakens awakens awakens me*

*Feel the darkness shaking  
All the dead are coming back to life  
I'm back to life  
Hear the song awaken  
All creation singing we're alive  
'Cause You're alive*

*You called me out of the grave  
You called me into the light  
You called my name and then my heart came alive*

*Your love is greater  
Your love is stronger  
Your love awakens awakens awakens me*

*And what a love we've found  
Death can't hold us down  
We shout it out  
We're alive 'cause You're alive  
And what a love we've found  
Death can't hold us down  
We shout it out  
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## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

### **Introduction to the Sermon Series**

Carol McEntyre

### **Litany of Proclamation (responsive)**

We are not alone,  
**we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:  
**who has created and is creating,  
has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus as  
our guide and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

**God is with us.**

We are not alone.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Scripture Reading**

Sara Dexheimer

### **Mark 14:16, 22-25**

So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

## **Sharing of Our Gifts**

*He's our Rescuer  
We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound  
Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer*

*There is good news for the captive  
Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter  
The one religion failed  
For the good Lord has come to seek and save*

*He's our Rescuer  
He's our Rescuer  
We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound  
Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer*

*He is beauty for the blind man  
Riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary  
Rest for those who strive  
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life  
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life*

*He's our Rescuer  
He's our Rescuer  
We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound  
Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer*

*So come and be chainless  
Come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
There is redemption for every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary  
So come and be chainless  
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**Message**

Salvation is More Than the Afterlife

Carol McEntyre

## Preparation for Communion

All Belong Here

*When you're not sure who you really are  
When all you feel is the shape of your scars  
And you have more wounds than you can count  
Open your eyes look all around  
You aren't alone this is your home*

*Come and remember who you are here  
Do this to remember who I am  
Come and remember you belong here  
All belong here*

*When you don't know how to forgive  
When locked doors seem like the only way to live  
And you've got more questions than you can count  
Open your eyes look all around  
You aren't alone this is your home*

*Come and remember who you are here  
Do this to remember who I am  
Come and remember you belong here  
All belong here*

*At this table come as you are  
Broken and bleeding's ok  
At this table eat and be filled  
Come and drink in this grace*

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At this table eat and be filled  
Come and drink in this grace  
Come and remember who you are here  
Do this to remember who I am  
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## Celebration of Holy Communion

### †Song of Response

To the One

*It's the mystery of this hope in me  
How You hold the stars yet You hold my heart  
One who's first and last wiped away my past  
Perfect royalty made His home in me*

*To the One who holds the stars  
We lift You higher we lift You higher  
To the one who holds our heart  
There is no other there is no other like You*

*King of endless life  
Yet You chose to die  
On a sinners tree  
Exposed for me  
With one final breath  
It is finished  
Stormed the gates of hell  
Ripping through the veil*

*To the one who overcame  
We lift You higher we lift You higher  
To the name above all names  
There is no other there is no other (like You)  
To the one who overcame  
We lift You higher we lift You higher  
To the name above all names  
There is no other there is no other (like You)*

*Jesus Christ we magnify Your life  
For Your majesty we crown You king of kings  
Jesus Christ we magnify Your life  
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## **Life of the Church**

### **†Benediction**

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# Worship Notes

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*Your Love Awakens Me , CCLI Song # 7054720, Chris Quilala | Phil Wickham*

*He's Our Rescuer, CCLI Song # 7094920 Benjamin Hastings | Bryan Fowler | Chris Llewellyn | Gareth Gilkeson*

*All Belong Here, CCLI Song # 7112307 Hannah Rand | Lenora Rand*

*To the One, CCLI Song # 7111903 Beau Maddox | Gabriel Gamboa | Garrett Hardy | Julian Gamboa | Matt Fish | Meredith Mauldin | Oscar Gamboa | Sebastian Suarez*

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, August 1

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

10:15 am, 11:10 am, 12:20 pm Open House at Extra Mile Transition House

4:00 pm First Kids Pool Party

## Tuesday, August 3

1:00 pm -3:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

## Friday, August 6

12:15 pm Jesus Calling: Women's Devotional and Prayer Time via Zoom

## Sunday, August 8

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

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# Announcements

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## Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, 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 visitor card at [fbc-columbia.org/guest](http://fbc-columbia.org/guest) or use this QR code.



## August Sermon Series

**What does it mean to be a Progressive Christian?  
Reflections on Marcus Borg's book *Convictions***

Marcus Borg's book, *Convictions: How I learned What Matters Most*, was one of our First Baptist summer One Reads. On his seventieth birthday, the renowned Christian scholar Marcus Borg wrote *Convictions* as the culmination of his theological reflection and faith in Christ Jesus. Borg answers the question "What's the Christian life all about?" He gets at the heart of what it means to be a progressive Christian in our age. Join us as Pastor Carol preaches on some of the themes from the book. She will be talking about how salvation is about more than the afterlife, how the Bible is political and how Christians are called to peacemaking and nonviolence. If you read the book and are interested in joining Pastor Carol for a discussion session about the book, please email her at [mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org).

## Calling All Handy Folks

### **Open House at our Extra Mile Transition House - Today**

We are excited to have the opportunity to invite our congregation to stop by our Extra Mile Transition house following both services and our Small Group hour. For those who would like to walk over, we will gather in the front yard (weather permitting) at 10:15 am, 11:10 am, and again at 12:20 pm to walk to the house, approximately 3 blocks away. If you would like to drive, directions will be given out following the service. At the house, we will take the opportunity to hear how the Extra Mile program is transforming lives, pray for the house and the ministry it represents, as well as offer our congregation ways to volunteer support in the weeks and months ahead.

### **Extra Mile Transition House Workdays - August 15, 27, and 29**

Specifically, you will have the opportunity to sign up to help prep and paint inside the house between August 15 and 27 and take part in our day of cleaning after church on August 29. We will also be working to establish our cleaning, maintenance, and hospitality teams to assist with future transition times between residents. We hope you will make plans to join us after worship on August 1 to see this ministry partnership in action.

## First Baptist Fall Kick-off Has Returned for 2021!

Back by popular demand is our Fall Kick-Off. As we look toward the end of summer, we are gearing up for our almost annual Fall Kick-off after Traditional worship on Sunday, August 22. Our theme this year is an old-fashioned Carnival.

The church will provide the meat, beverages and tableware. We ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We ask that everyone wear their mask when not eating; we will be eating outside to help with the risk of COVID-19. We will also set up some extra tables to allow folks to spread out while eating.

You can look forward to a selection of carnival games with prizes such as ring toss, knock-em-down, and ping-pong game, as well as a photo booth. Or, if you'd like, simply sit and talk with old friends and make some new ones too.

## Join us Sunday, August 15 as we seek to Thrive for Racial Justice

As you know, First Baptist is part of the *Thriving for Racial Justice* project, which is a cohort of 27 churches from across the United States and Canada who have made a 5-year commitment to take an honest look at how Christianity has perpetuated racism in our country. *Thriving for Racial Justice* is a project of the Alliance of Baptists, in partnership with the Lilly Endowment and sociologists of Race and Religion. This project will work to shed light on the challenges of racism among white dominant congregations in our country and help churches, like First Baptist, to expand our commitment to racial equity and increase our capacity for confronting racial justice.

On Sunday, August 15 during both worship services, Pastor Carol will be preaching about why she thinks this is so important and during the 10:15 Small Group we will gather in the fellowship hall to learn more about what it means to be a part of the Thrive for Racial Justice cohort. Dr. Kevin Dougherty, one of the sociologists working on the Thrive project will be our guest during the small group hour. Dr. Dougherty is Associate Professor of Sociology at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. His research explores religious affiliation, religious participation, racial diversity in congregations, congregational growth and decline, and the impact of religion on other realms of social life such as community involvement, politics, and work. Specifically, he will be giving us an overview of the Thrive project and explaining the survey, which will be administered to our congregation in September.

You don't want to miss this important Sunday in the life of our church. We hope you will join us for worship and for the small group hour.



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