



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 8, 2021*

*9:15 am*

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

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Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

## **†Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (responsive)**

God of wisdom,  
we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision.  
Our lives are full of information and opinions,  
but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom –

**Your wisdom, God,  
is cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.**

God, we have come here this morning to learn wisdom from your Word,  
from your Holy Spirit,  
and from one another.

**We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness  
and into the light.**

**We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled life  
that you have promised to each of us.**

O God, make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning.

**Call us to hear your wisdom  
and grant us the courage to respond.**

Together we pray as you taught your disciples to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin,  
as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming*

*Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
All powerful untamable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God*

*Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom*

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You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
Incomparable unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing God*

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## **Scripture Reading**

Mariah Keathley

### **John 1:1-5, 14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise be to Christ.**

## †Song of Grace

Your Grace is Enough

*Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart*

*So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God*

*Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me*

*Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along*

*So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God*

*Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me*

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Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me*

*So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God*

*Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me*

*Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me*

## **Moment of Reflection**

*Spend some time reading these disturbing passages of scripture.  
How do you respond when you read Bible passages like these?*

### **1 Samuel 15:1-5**

Samuel said to Saul, “The Lord sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘I will punish the Amalekites for what they did in opposing the Israelites when they came up out of Egypt. Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have; do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.’”

So Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand foot soldiers, and ten thousand soldiers of Judah. Saul came to the city of the Amalekites and lay in wait in the valley.

### **Colossians 3:22**

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord.

## **Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

**We believe the Bible is unique.**

**God breathes life into the Scriptures and through it,  
into our community of faith and our very souls.**

**We believe the Bible has a unique role in our community,  
challenging, and guiding us in ways that no other text can.  
It teaches, reproves, corrects, trains and equips us  
for love and good works.**

**We confess the Bible is sometimes confusing,  
at times it can be disturbing  
and we do not pretend to understand everything about it.**

**Yet, we commit to meditate on the Bible,  
to study the words within and to wrestle with our questions and doubts,  
believing that when we do, God will bless us richly.**

## **Sharing of Our Gifts**

## Song of Praise

Loyal

*I could never earn Your heart  
I could never reach that far  
But You have pulled me close  
You'll never let me go  
I'm safe forever in Your arms  
Your promises I cannot break  
And I know You will never change*

*Your love is Your love is  
Your love is loyal  
Your love is Your love is  
Your love is loyal  
More faithful than the rising sun  
This grace for me I can't outrun  
Your love is Your love is  
Your love is loyal*

*You are always there for me  
You listen every time I speak  
You look into my eyes  
See the things I hide  
And say that You will never leave  
Your promises I cannot break  
And I know You will never change*

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*When my world shakes  
Your love remains unshaken  
So constant so perfect unwavering  
When my world falls  
Your love remains unfailing  
So constant so perfect unwavering  
So constant so perfect unwavering  
Your love is Your love is  
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Loyal*

**Message**

Jesus is the Norm of the Bible

Carol McEntyre

**†Song of Response**

Lord I Need You

*Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart*

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free*

*Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me*

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

*So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay*

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

## **Life of the Church**

### **†Benediction**

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# Worship Notes

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*Indescribable*, CCLI Song # 4403076, Jesse Reeves | Laura Story

*Your Grace is Enough*, CCLI Song # 4477026, Matt Maher

*Loyal*, CCLI Song # 7039411, Jason Ingram | Jonas Myrin | Lauren Daigle | Paul Mabury

*Lord I Need You*, CCLI Song # 5925687, Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher

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# Week at a Glance

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## 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

## Tuesday, August 10

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

## Friday, August 13

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

## Sunday, August 15

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Dr. Kevin Dougherty speaks about the *Thriving for Racial Justice Project* in the Fellowship Hall

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.



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

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.

## Extra Mile Transition House Workdays

Thanks to all who came through our tours on Sunday to pray for the ministry and work of the Extra Mile program. We have much to do before September 1 to prepare for our next resident. To join our efforts, click the Volunteer rotator on the church webpage at [www.fbc-columbia.org](http://www.fbc-columbia.org), and sign up to help with immediate projects (painting, deep cleaning, light maintenance) or sign up for one of our ongoing ministry teams (Hospitality, Cleaning, Maintenance, and Grounds). You can find out more about these individual teams on the sign up page. Work is beginning this week and we hope to start and finish all the painting between August 15-27 in preparation for our final cleaning and finishing touches to be done after church on August 29. You can also email Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) if you have any questions or want to pick a specific time to serve. Thanks for helping to make this ministry a success.

## First Baptist Fall Kick-off Fall Carnival

Our Fall Kick-off theme this year is an old-fashioned Carnival. Instead of having a potluck for Fall Kick-off, we are serving barbeque sandwiches and hot dogs, with chips and baked beans. We will let you know the per person cost, those who are able can pay full price and others are invited to pay what they can. We will be eating outside and will 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 and photo opportunities. Or, if you'd like, simply sit and talk with old friends and make some new ones too.

## The Wardrobe Celebrates 50 years of Ministry

The Wardrobe, supported by volunteers and donors from First Baptist Church for many years, hit a major milestone in 2020 as it enjoyed its 50th year of operation. COVID-19 interrupted a planned celebration last year and to get back on track a 51st Anniversary will be celebrated on August 18th, 2021. Guests and volunteers are invited for refreshments during normal operation hours of 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Wardrobe provides clothing at no charge to disadvantaged clients and also sells to the public. Income from sales is used to help provide shoes for low-income school children each year.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us on August 22 during both worship services for our annual blessing of the backpacks and the new school year. Participants will have the opportunity to share about their feelings for returning to school, receive a backpack tag, and be reminded that God is with us all the time. Whether starting school for the first time, moving to a new school, staying at the same school, or returning to school in person after learning virtually, children, teens, and adults are invited to bring their backpacks and receive a blessing.

## New to the Pew Blessing for 1st and 2nd Graders

With the beginning of the school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews. On Sunday August 22, during both worship services we will be presenting Bibles to our first and second graders and offering a blessing over them and their families. As a church family, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to talking alongside our kids in their faith.

## Join Chancel Bells

### *Wednesday Night Rehearsals Begin August 25*

Are you looking to join an amazing group of people? Do you have a desire to make beautiful music? Do you want to hit metal things with mallets to de-stress? Come and join the Chancel Bells where all of these things and more can be a reality! Handbells are a great way to express yourself musically and grow your musical talents. Don't know how to ring or even how to read music? Never fear, handbells are easy to learn and a great avenue for learning to read music.

Chancel Bells rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 25. Nursery care is available for those who need it. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield at [nhartsfield2010@gmail.com](mailto:nhartsfield2010@gmail.com).



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