



Our Worship of God

August 15, 2021

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

† Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to worship God,

Who creates us and loves us;

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

To seek justice, share power,

and live together in love and equality;

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

and whose presence, grace, and love

sustain us in our living.

We gather to worship God.

To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

†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*

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We're alive 'cause You're alive
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Theme Introduction

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Acts 9:1-5, 8, 17-18

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Song of Praise

We'll All Be Free

*There's a world at war
Caught in suffering
Silent casualties
Oh God, grant us peace
In these sleepless nights
I can hardly breathe
Despite brutality
I know that we'll be free
I know that we'll be free*

*So let the light in, keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free*

*In these desperate times
Love will hold us here
Love will join our hands
Teach us to have no fear
So we lay our hate down
To wash their feet
When we see our brother
Oh, we'll all be free
Yes, we'll all be free, yeah*

*Let the light in, keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free
So let the light in, keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free*

We'll be free, free

*We'll all be free
We'll be free, free
We'll all be free
We'll be free, yeah
We'll all be free
We'll be free, yeah
We'll all be free*

*We are free, free
We'll all be free
We are free, free
We'll all be free
Let the light in, keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free
So let the light in, keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free*

*Free, free
Free, free
We'll all be free*

Litany for Anti-Racism (responsive)

Oh God, we are gradually waking up

To the knowledge of our deep and hidden sins;

Most particularly, to the sin of racism

Which has affected our culture, psyche, and practice.

We thought we could say, “Oh, those racist generations have passed on.
The civil rights movement already happened.”

We thought we had leveled the playing field.

We thought we could ignore Whiteness.

We thought we didn't have to see color.

But we know that we have more work to do,

To cleanse, heal and establish justice.
We quit before the work was finished.
We were wrong.
Help us to see what we couldn't see before.
Help us to examine everything:
Every custom and system,
Every group dynamic and assumption,
To leave no stone unturned in our mission
To rout out injustice;
To take every thought captive
To the loving ethic of Christ.
This work is messy.
We feel sensitive about it.
We feel overwhelmed and ashamed.
Help us not to minimize or shirk,
Nor capitulate to our fragile egos,
Nor be blinded by our privilege.
Give us robust hearts,
Willing to take an unflinching look at the racism within us.
And as we sift through our habits, culture and customs,
Examining them with a new sensitivity to injustice,
Help us to embody hope,
Peacemaking,
Restoration,
And above all, love for our neighbors.
Make us aligned to the Community of Heaven,
Diligently working for liberation. Amen

Sharing of Our Gifts

†Song For Justice

Let Justice Rain

*The world's on fire tonight
The streets are cryin tonight
One more bullet found its way
One more life gone today
How do we change the ending of this story
What can we do to make it out*

*Let justice rain
Let it pour on this dry ground
Let mercy run
Let it flow where hurt is found
Like a river through the streets
Like a flood with waters deep
Right through our hearts
Straight through our hearts
Let it rain Let it rain*

*This town's gone mad tonight
My heart feels bad tonight
The words they fly back and forth
Head down defend your turf
We all wanna stay alive
Just tryin' get back home again
But how can we possibly survive*

*Let justice rain
Let it pour on this dry ground
Let mercy run
Let it flow where hurt is found
Like a river through the streets
Like a flood with waters deep
Right through our hearts
Straight through our hearts
Let it rain Let it rain*

*Not one more enough is enough
Say their names enough is enough
Not one more enough is enough
Say their names enough is enough*

*Let justice rain
Let it pour on this dry ground
Let mercy run
Let it flow where hurt is found
Like a river through the streets
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Message

Carol McEntyre

Song of Response

Know You Will

*When the road runs dead
You can see a way I don't
And it makes no sense
But You say that's what faith is for*

*When I see a flood You see a promise
When I see a grave You see a door
When I'm at my end
You see where the future starts*

*I don't know how You make a way
But I know You will
I don't know how You make a way
But I know You will*

*You've been good on every promise
From Eden to Zion
Through every dead end*

*And out of that grave
I don't know how You make a way
But I know You will*

*When the world's on fire
It's not like You don't have a plan
And when the earth gives way
On this Rock Your Church will stand*

*Nothing has ever once surprised You
Nothing has ever made You flinch
And when it all shakes out
The gates of hell don't stand a chance*

*I don't know how You make a way
But I know You will
I don't know how You make a way
But I know You will*

*You've been good on every promise
From Eden to Zion
Through every dead end
And out of that grave
I don't know how You make a way
But I know You will*

*You pulled my heart from Egypt
You carved a road through sea
From all our chains
To endless praise
The story ends in You*

*And when we cross that Jordan
Look back at where we've been
From all our chains
To endless praise
The story ends in You*

*I don't know how You make a way
But I know You will
I don't know how You make a way
But I know You will*

*You've been good on every promise
From Eden to Zion
Through every dead end
And out of that grave
I don't know how You make a way
But I know You will*

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, from the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website.

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

Let Justice Rain, CCLI Song # 7140920, Hannah Rand | Lenora Rand

Know You Will, CCLI Song # 7176473, Benjamin Hastings | Dylan Thomas | Joel Houston

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Week at a Glance

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

1:00 pm Hiking Club at Finger Lakes

Tuesday, August 17

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

Friday, August 20

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

5:00 pm Fellowship Adventurers Dinner in Clark, MO

Sunday, August 22

-Blessing of the Backpacks & New to the Pew Blessing during both services-

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

12:30 pm Fall Kick-Off Carnival on the front lawn

Announcements

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 or use this QR code.



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.

This 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.

First Baptist Hiking Club

Join the First Baptist Hiking Club for a hike a Finger Lakes State Park at 1:00 pm today, Sunday, August 15. It is hot outside, so the group will take a short 1.8 mile hike and take a swim afterward. You are invited to meet up at Finger Lakes State Park in the parking lot by the swimming area. And mark your calendar for the next hike on September 25 at Ha Ha Tonka State Park.

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, 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 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 - August 22

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.

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.

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 am-2:00 pm. 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.

Youth Semester Kick-Off – August 29

We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm to travel to Fulton, MO to Bob and Gail Hoell's Adventure Land. There will be swimming, Pickle Ball, Rock Climbing, Trampoline fun, and more. Parents are invited to join us for the afternoon. We will eat dinner at 5:30 pm and wrap up around 6:30 pm so youth can get a good night's sleep for their first full week of school!

New Sermon Series - September 12

The Psalms: Pursuing God in Mountains and Valleys

The Psalms are often called the prayer book of the Bible. They are a beautiful collection of prayers, poetry and songs which show us how to engage with God through the mountains and valleys of life.

They contain the entire range of human emotions: despair, hope, joy, sorrow, anger, fear, thanksgiving and praise, expressed in prayer. They attest to all the feelings that arise in the ups and downs of life and they give voice to our desire and struggle to connect with God throughout life. The Psalms allow us to be honest before God. As Walter Brueggemann says, they encourage “candor about suffering and gratitude about hope.”

This fall, we will get the chance to explore the Psalms together. Beginning September 12, I will be preaching on the Psalms, and we will be engaging with them in worship through prayer experiences and music.

In addition, we are excited that Dr. Nancy deClaissé -Walford will be our Sheppard Lecture speaker during the adult small group hour at 10:15 am on Sundays. She has written several books about the Psalms and will lead us in a Bible study on the Psalms.

Dr. deClaissé-Walford is a professor of Old Testament at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, where she has taught for 22 years. She earned a bachelor’s degree in ancient history from California State University in Northridge, California; a master’s degree in Semitic languages and literature from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California; and a doctor of philosophy in Old Testament from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Dr. deClaissé-Walford is the author of *Reading from the Beginning: The Shaping of the Hebrew Psalter*; *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Textbook*; *The Book of Psalms: A Song from Ancient Israel*; and *The Book of Psalms: The International Commentary on the Old Testament*.



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