

(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ The Third Sunday of Easter ~

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

I John 1:1-4

Call to Worship (responsive)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. **Yes, Lord, let us hear, see, touch, smell and taste your goodness, and so be in fellowship with you! Amen.**

Holy Ground

See (Unison)

Lord, let us see your goodness and so be in fellowship with you.

- The candle is lit, a visual reminder that Jesus is the light of the world.
- The cross is lifted high, a symbol of Christ's sacrifice and constant presence.
- The open Bible expresses our desire to worship and live according to scripture.
- Other gifts are brought as a visual reminder of God's goodness.

Hear (Unison)

Lord, let us hear your goodness and so be in fellowship with you.

Lectio Divina or "holy reading" is an ancient prayer practice of reading the scripture slowly, contemplatively to experience God, to meet God, through scripture.

John 14:5-14

Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in

me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Song of God's Love

One Thing Remains

Smell (Unison)

Lord, let us smell your goodness and so be in fellowship with you.

Psalm 141:2

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

"Incense" symbolizes the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven. Take a few moments in silent prayer to praise and thank God for all the good things in your life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Touch (Unison)

Lord, let us touch your goodness and so be in fellowship with you.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend a hand to another, we identify with Christ and acknowledge that we are tied together through the bond of His love.

+Offertory Sentence

Offertory

My Heart is Yours

Taste (Unison)

Lord, let us taste your goodness and so be in fellowship with you.

Psalm 34:8

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

What aspects of God are so incredible, so sweet, that they must be shared? Who might you share them with this week?

Song of Response

Oceans

†Benediction (unison)

Through hearing, seeing, touching, smelling, and tasting your goodness, O Lord, we remain in fellowship with you. Amen.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 15

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music 5 pm Critical Conversations 5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Monday, April 16

9-10:30 Senior Yoga 9:15 am-4:30 pm Staff Planning Retreat 5:30-7 pm Serving Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Wednesday, April 18

6-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth 5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal 6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Saturday, April 21

8 am-6:30 pm First Baptist Adventures

Sunday, April 22

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music 5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study Sanctuary Second Baptist Church Youth Suite

Parlor Off-site Conference Room

E2

Youth Suite Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary Fellowship Hall

Kansas City

Sanctuary Youth Suite

First Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast

Several of the men in the church have expressed an interest in gathering together on a regular basis. If you are interested as well, join us on Tuesday, April 17th at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and discussion about starting something new at First Baptist.

First Kids Camp

First Kids Camp is an all-day camp for 3-year-olds through those entering 6th grade next fall. Details, including cost and a link to sign up, are available on our website, fbc-columbia.org.

Attention all Graduates: High School, College, and Beyond!

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 13th. Graduates will be recognized in both of our worship services and there will be a light brunch between the services in the Children's Building Hallway. We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church no later than Sunday, April 22 so it may be featured in the Spire. (For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school from which you are graduating, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments so please help us honor all the graduates within our congregation by sending in this important information soon.

Parents' Night Out May 4

We have a great night planned at Jabberwocky Studios, located at 1308 Grand Avenue on May 4, 2018 from 6-8 pm. We invite kiddos ages 4-12 to join us for a night of music and movement and lots of fun. You may drop your child(ren) off or you can stay for the fun! We are also offering child care for children ages birth to 3 at First Baptist Church, in the nursery, for the duration of this event. Pizza, cookies and juice will be provided for the kids in both locations. Jabberwocky Studios is a nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to build community among diverse segments of the Columbia community through the arts. They teach hip-hop, jazz, tap, ballet, African and Indian dance. Please RSVP to Children's Ministry Director, Yvette Chambers, at chambers@fbc-Columbia.org by April 29, 2018.

Odyssey Spring Concert "Life & Love: Liebeslieder" on May 4 This spring program reflects on Love and Life from the 19th century, "the Romantic Period," in Germany. Featured are Schumann's sublime song cycle, "Frauenliebe und leben" (A Woman's Love and Life) with mezzosoprano Julia Bentley and pianist Peter Miyamoto, and fellow composer, Felix Mendelssohn in his youthful Piano Sextet with the Esterhazy Quartet, bassist Sue Stubbs and pianist Ayako Tsuruta. This delightful program opens with "Overture" from the beloved Midsummer Night's Dream, arrangement for piano four hands performed by the Miyamoto-Tsuruta Piano Duo. The Series concert begins at 7pm, but be sure to arrive early for 6:45pm Pre-Concert performance!

Columbia Handbell Ensemble Concerts

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble presents its 29th annual spring concerts featuring a wonderful program of dances. "Fly Me to the Moon," Frank Sinatra's romantic standard, highlights a wide array of rhythmic dances. Other featured works include "America" from Bernstein's "West Side Story," the classic Latin dance "Sway," Ravel's incredible "Pavane;" and several rock hits to dance to, "Rock Around the Clock" and "Good Vibrations." The concerts will be May 5, 7 pm at First Christian Church and May 6, 2 pm at First Baptist Church. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$1 for kids 12 and under, or \$10 at the door. Contact Ed Rollins at 442-1149 for advance tickets.

May 20 Combined Worship

Mark your calendars – for Pentecost Sunday we will have a combined worship service at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no business meeting with this service.

Scholarship Opportunities

Every year, First Baptist awards scholarships to individuals pursuing higher education. These scholarships are made available through the generosity of former members of our First Baptist Church family. Graduating First Baptist high school seniors, college students, and graduate students can receive an application online. Please visit www.fbc-columbia.org (click "Resources" then "Forms and Policies"), or send an email to the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org. The scholarships available are the Lionberger Scholarship Fund, the Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Luebbers Scholarship Fund. The deadline for returning the application to the church office is May 1.

Worship Notes

The Call to Worship is posted on engageworship.org.

Our God by Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman (5677416)

Holy Ground by Mia Fieldes | Melodie Malone | Jimi Cravity | Brett Younker (7078152)

One Thing Remains by Brian Johnson | Christa Black Gifford | Jeremy Riddle (5508444)

My Heart is Yours by Brett Younker | Daniel Carson | Jason Ingram | Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter | Kristian Stanfill | Winfield Scott Weeden (7017788)

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) by Joel Houston | Matt Crocker | Salomon Ligthelm (6428767)

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Traditional Worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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