



First Baptist Church

columbia

Our Worship of God

April 29, 2018

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ The Fifth Sunday of Easter ~

Welcome and Announcements

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 Songs

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
Your Grace Is Enough

†Passing the Peace of Christ

For Columbia Follow-Up

Michael McEntyre

Scripture Readings

Lillian Hoell

1 John 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world.

Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

John 14:15-17

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

God, our source of all that we have and are,
in you we live, move, and exist.

In your image we have been made.
You celebrate the goodness of our humanity,
and call us to live fully and love deeply.

**Yet, today we confess that, in many ways,
we choose to live beneath our good humanness.
In things we have done, and things we have left undone,
we have neglected our calling to be your image bearers
to all of creation.**

We confess, Lord.

**We have dehumanized others by refusing to love them,
by gossiping about them, and by making fun of them.**

We have dug our heels into ‘us versus them’ thinking, making it easy
to condemn entire groups of people that we do not know.

**We have been reactionary, allowing fear to control us
and dictate our actions.**

We have sought an eye for an eye, instead of loving our enemies.

**We have closed our ears to the cries of the poor and oppressed,
the immigrant, the orphan, and the widow among us.**

We have been hypocritical, judgmental, and angry;

**we have used our religion as a weapon of exclusion instead of
building a bigger table for all.**

Give us eyes to see,
ears to hear,
and hearts that are open.

**May we live with hands open in generosity toward God,
our neighbor, and even our enemy.**

May we take seriously the call of Jesus to embrace our crosses,
instead of seeking crosses for our enemies.

**May we tune our hearts to the music of the Spirit,
following her lead as we take the next step on our journey.**

May we live lives that imitate Jesus, being broken and poured
in love for others.

**May we experience the full and abundant life,
to which Jesus invites us, here and now.**

Amen.

Response to the Confession

When have you seen scripture or religion used as a weapon?

†Song of Praise

Ever Be

Offertory Prayer

Offering

Peace Be Still

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Song of Response

Beautiful Story

†Benediction

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 29

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Youth Suite

Monday, April 30

9-10:30 Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, May 1

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, May 2

6-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth

Youth Suite

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 4

7 pm Odyssey Presents Life & Love: *Liebeslieder*

Sanctuary

Sunday, May 6

2 pm Columbia Handbell Ensemble Spring Concert

Sanctuary

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Youth Suite

Announcements

Sign Up for First Kids Camp

First Kids Camp, held July 30-Aug 3, 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.

Volunteer for First Kids Camp

There are many opportunities for adults and older youth to help with First Kids Camp, with room for all talents, comfort levels with kids, and leadership abilities. Please see the Spire for details. If you have questions, or if you're ready to volunteer, contact Lillian Hoell at lillian.hoell@gmail.com or Yvette Chambers, Children's Minister, at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

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.

May 20 Combined Worship

Mark your calendars – for Pentecost Sunday we will have a combined worship service at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief business meeting.

The Practice of Sabbath

Beginning May 28, Pastor Carol will be on Sabbatical (details are in the Spire). During her absence, you are invited to reflect on and enter into the spiritual practice of Sabbath as well. *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* by Wayne Muller is an excellent book for those wanting to learn more about Sabbath practice, a tradition through the millennia of creating an oasis of sacred time within a life of unceasing labor and business. Read this book over the summer and gift yourself the gift of rest! Books are available for \$10 each Monday-Friday in the church office, or on Sunday mornings in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

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 mezzo-soprano 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.

Critical Conversations

The Critical Conversations book discussion meets May 20 at 5 pm.

Worship Notes

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

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising) by Brenton Brown | Paul Baloche (Song # 4662491)

Your Grace Is Enough by Matt Maher (4477026)

The Prayer of Confession is from <https://joshuaadamscott.com/2017/03/03/letting-go-come-an-ash-wednesday-litany/>.

Ever Be by Bobby Strand | Chris Greely | Gabriel Wilson | Kalley Heiligenthal (7030065)

Peace Be Still by Mia Fieldes | Andrew Holt | Hope Dorst (7084363)

Beautiful Story by Mia Fieldes | Andrew Holt | Robert Marvin (7081679)

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Thank you for worshipping 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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Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † *Ed Rollins*, Associate Pastor

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