Unity Without Uniformity

Our Worship of God

August 11, 2019

9:15 am

(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome and Announcements	Michael McEntyre
+ Call to Worship (responsive)	
The Spirit of God is upon us. We are called to be God's people. The Spirit of God with us. We are called to be the body of Christ. Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.	
+Opening Song	Who You Say I Am
+ Passing the Peace of Christ	
Invitation to Creativity	Brittany McDonald Null
† Song of Reflection	Known

+Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Litany (Responsive)

We are God's work of art each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

> We are God's handiwork– woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

We are the church of Jesus Christ diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We are the Body of Christ living in truth, sharing peace, carrying hope, embodying love, throughout the world God loves so much. We are here to be reminded once more who we are,

whose we are and what our lives are about.

We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us. We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

† Song of Praise		You Say
+ Offertory Prayer		
Offering		I Am Not Alone
Message	Celebrating Difference	Brittany McDonald Null
+Song of Response		No Outsiders

+Benediction (responsive)

You are the hands and feet of Christ. You are called to soothe suffering, to live with compassion, to build up God's loving peace. So as you leave this place, how will you live? **We go from this place of worship to share the gifts we have been given. We go from this time of worship to build up the Body of Christ. We go from this holy space to carry the Holy to the world around us, knowing that unity does not require uniformity.** Go in love, go in peace, go with God. Amen.

As you go, we invite you to take your coloring page with you. Post a picture of it on Facebook or Instagram and tag us. Use #fbccomo to continue the conversation.

Worship Notes

Call to Worship: <u>https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3521/worship-elements-january-27-2019</u>

Litany adapted from "God's Work of Art," written by the Rev. David Inglis, pastor of Henrietta (NY) United Church of Christ. Posted in *Worship Resources for Human Relations Day*, 2011, on the **Sharing God's Gifts** website of the United Methodist Church. <u>http://www.umcgiving.org/</u>

Benediction posted by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings.http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/

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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.

Week at a Glance

Monday, August 12

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga 1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting Parlor Office Commons

Tuesday, August 13

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Wednesday, August 14

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Conference Room

Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out an information card during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Inclusion Training August 11 and 18

One focus area that came out of our All In Visioning Process was "Work toward increased accessibility and inclusivity in First Baptist ministries and facilities." To do this, we have committed to expanding opportunities for inclusion education and experiences. We have identified two areas of inclusion that we want to work on this summer. The first area of focus is the inclusion of all genders including people who are transgender and nonbinary. On August 11 at 10:15 in the parlor, Dr. Christy Hutton and Dr. Loren Bauerband from the University of Missouri will be leading this training. The second area of focus is the inclusion of people with disabilities, especially children. On August 18 at 10:15 am in the parlor, Christy Edwards a minister and mother of a special needs child, will be talking about how faith communities can companion this growing population.

Fall Kick-Off – August 25

As we look toward the end of summer, we are preparing for our annual Fall Kick-Off after Traditional worship on August 25. We will have a throwback to the 80's theme this year! The church will provide the chicken, as well as beverages and tableware. We know you will please the crowd with your delicious side dishes and desserts! Get out your scrunchies, headbands, and parachute pants as we kick off the new season in style.

What is the Bible? Sermon Series - Sept. 8 - Oct. 13

During this sermon series, we are going take a deep theological dive into the Bible. We will talk about what it is, how this ancient book speaks today, the parts of the Bible that trouble us, and what we do with it.

Summer Book Club Discussion Groups

If you have been reading our summer book club selections about the Bible, we wanted to let you know when the discussions will take place. The groups will meet during the Small Group Hour at 10:15 am in the Conference Room on the second floor. We look forward to the conversation!

Inspired by Rachel Held Evans September 8 & 15 10:15 am, Conference Room led by Kim Siegenthaler

What is the Bible? by Rob Bell September 22 & 29 10:15 am, Conference Room led by Noah Hartsfield

The Bible Tells Me So by Peter Enns October 6 & 13 10:15 am, Conference Room led by Brian Ford

Invite-a-Friend Sunday – September 8

We are declaring Sunday, September 8 Invite-a-Friend Sunday!

As a community of faith, we look forward to Sunday morning when we come to church, see our friends, attend small group and worship together. We love our church and believe other people would too if they came to visit. So, the Telling Team came up with the idea of Invite-a-Friend Sunday.

We thought if we agreed together to invite a friend, it would encourage us to issue the invitation. You can invite a co-worker, a neighbor, a family member, or a friend. Sunday, September 8 is the start of a new sermon series about the Bible- what it is and how it speaks today. It is going to be a great time of learning, so why not invite others to join us?

My	Notes
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For Children During Worship:

<u>Birth-Kindergarteners</u> can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

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

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

<u>Birth-Age 3 Childcare</u> is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, which is located next to the sanctuary.

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

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

Adult Small Groups are located on the second floor:

-Discussion Class (in the Parlor) likes to take a deep dive into scripture.

-Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.

-Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

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