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Our Worship of God

June 6, 2021

11:15 am

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

O Living Bread From Heaven
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Culli

†Call to Worship (responsive)

In the beauty of this moment

We celebrate

In fellowship with one another

We offer our praise

In the presence of the Spirit

We rejoice

In the company of all creation

We worship together

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

We give thanks for this day

†Opening Hymn 77

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly forever adore him.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light the candle here in the sanctuary,
we give thanks for the Spirit who is with us.

Celebration of our Media Team

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Litany of Celebration

God, as we seek to live lives of intentional love,
We acknowledge the importance of paying attention
To the deep self,
To the external lesson,
To the need and the want,
To the fulfillment and the calling,
To the disease and the healing,
To the existence and the blessing.

We are learning how to cultivate and grow love and loving action:
Starting with attention and observation,
Moving into appreciation and thankfulness,
Letting gratitude shift us into love.

We know that love is the foundation of the universe -

That the deepest particle,

The inmost kernel,

The alpha and the omega, is love.

But sometimes, in the midst of everything happening to us,

Love is kind of hard to get to.

So we are learning to start somewhere even simpler:

By paying attention,

By offering appreciation,

By letting appreciation lead to gratitude.

And we know that if we can get in gratitude's groove and vicinity

It can show us the way to love,

Even in murky waters,

Even in complicated situations.

So, boldly, resisting the voices that tell us to duck and run,

We do our first act of faith,

Which is to appreciate even the meagerest of blessings,

And offer praise and thanksgiving.

(At this time you can offer a celebration)

Congregational response – We celebrate with you.

We give thanks for the celebrations both spoken and unspoken.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†Hymn 514

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
verses 1 & 3

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above.
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Message

Celebrate

Carol McEntyre

Preparation for Communion I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord
Chancel Choir

by Schalk

*I Come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find,
as all are fed, the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.*

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise Him here.*

*Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak His praise.*

Communion

†Renewal of our Church Covenant (unison)

**Because we have responded to Christ's call
to follow him as disciples
and because we find this calling
too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,
we covenant together to support and to
pray for one another without ceasing;
to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes,
and caring in all our dealings with one another;
to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves
and our life together,
mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.**

**Moreover, we covenant to give first priority
to our times of public worship and learning;
to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving,
faithful service and personal witness;
to live our lives in a manner worthy
of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith;
and to seek others' forgiveness
and God's when we fail to honor this covenant,
trusting God's Spirit to renew us
in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.**

†Song of Response

God, We Love This Congregation!
Sung to HYMN TO JOY

*God, we love this congregation!
On this day, we're glad to see
friends and neighbors, gathered, praying,
as a church community.
Young and old, we join in worship —
some in-person, some online.
We are drawn by faith and friendship
to this blessed place and time.
In this year with all its trials,
there are things that we have missed.
Still, in Christ, you've walked beside us;
by your Spirit, we've been blessed.
Love's our history, love's our vision,
Love's the work we're called to do.
Bless us as our congregation
moves together, serving you.*

Life of the Church

Sharing Our Gifts

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. Music: Emeuerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665.

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine, Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873. Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 6 – New Worship Schedule

9:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am In-person Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

Tuesday, June 8

1:00 pm -3:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Parlor

Wednesday, June 9

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:00 pm The Calling

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, June 11

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

Sunday, June 13

9:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am In-person Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

4:00 pm Annual Church Picnic at Bethel Park

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.



New Worship Schedule-Beginning Today

We will move our outdoor, in-person, on-lawn service to 9:15 am. This will allow those who might not be ready to worship indoors the opportunity to continue worshipping outside even as the weather warms up.

Our 11:15 am service will be a hybrid service for both in-person, indoors worship in the sanctuary and online. The hybrid service will maintain social distancing in the sanctuary with designated seating areas. Masks will be required at all times for attendees, even if vaccinated.

Adult Small Groups, Youth, and First Kids Sunday School will be meeting in-person beginning June 6.

Children's Ministry Worship and Small Groups -Beginning Today

During Worship (9:15 am and 11:15 am)

During both worship services childcare will be available for children birth through kindergarten (completed). Children can be dropped off at the nursery. Children may go to the playground or gym, but will always begin in the nursery.

Children in first grade through 5th grade are asked to worship with their families. A worship bag with a clipboard, coloring pages, and a children's bulletin will be available for each child.

During the Spiritual Formation Hour (10:15 am)

Nursery care will continue for children birth through 3 years old in the nursery.
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Nursery care will continue for children birth through 3 years old in the nursery. Children, 4-years-old through completed 4th grade are invited to Worship and Wonder (Sunday School) in the Fellowship Hall. Children who have completed 5th grade will have the opportunity to participate in a special summer small group with the youth group.

Pardon our ladder while we make improvements!

In the last few years, and particularly during the pandemic, the webcast of our worship services has become an essential ministry of the church. The webcast enables people who are homebound or who have moved the opportunity to continue worshipping with us. During the pandemic, we pivoted our webcast to focus on the at home congregation. The pastors spoke directly into the camera and we launched an online greeter ministry. Now, as we return to in-person worship in the Sanctuary, we are working to create a more seamless hybrid worship service that can minister to both the people worshipping in the Sanctuary and the people worshipping online. To do this, we are moving a camera to be within the congregation to better include our online participants. The ladder is a placeholder until a more aesthetically pleasing stand can be installed. The Worship and Telling Teams have been working to make sure the new camera is not only functional, but also fits within in our beautiful sanctuary. So, please pardon our ladder as we make improvements and remember the camera represents all the people who are joining us from home for worship.

Annual Church Picnic 2021 – Sunday, June 13 at Bethel Park

What is different about this year's church picnic? Well, we get to have it! The First Baptist Church Picnic is set for Sunday, June 13 at Bethel Park from 4:00-6:00 pm. Typically, we bring a side dish to share. We are not doing that this year, but you can bring your own meal or snacks. You can also bring your favorite outdoor game. Your lawn chair might be nice too. Plus, we get to have the (almost) Annual World Championship Egg Toss!

First Baptist Summer One Read(s)

Are you looking for something to read over the summer? Look no further, back by popular demand is our summer one read(s)! We have chosen three books for our One Read. You can read one or read them all. The idea is for everyone to read at their own pace over the summer and then, join the conversations about them in the fall. Hopefully, the books will be thought-provoking, encourage spiritual growth, and fruitful discussion. Books are \$15 each and can be purchased on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week.

***Invitation to the Psalms* by Rolf A. Jacobson & Karl N. Jacobson**

Invitation to the Psalms is a winsome accessible introduction to the Psalms that delves into how to read Hebrew poetry, the Psalter's basic genres, the metaphorical world of the Psalms, and the theology of the Psalms.

***Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God* by Kaitlin Curtice.**

As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice writes about how reconnecting with her Potawatomi identity both informs and challenges her faith. *Native* is deeply personal, beautifully written, and thought provoking. Each section begins with an illustrated poem from Potawatomi tradition.

***Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most* by Marcus Borg**

On his seventieth birthday, the renowned progressive Christian scholar Marcus Borg wrote *Convictions*. This book is a manifesto for all progressive Christians who seek the best path for following Jesus today.

Contemplative Retreat at Conception Abbey

October 8-10 (Friday morning through Sunday evening), you are invited to join Pastor Carol for a contemplative retreat at Conception Abbey, a beautiful Benedictine monastery located in northwest Missouri. The quiet setting and rural atmosphere of Conception Abbey is the ideal place for retreat.

A contemplative retreat is an opportunity to set aside time to be quiet and spend time with God. The schedule for the retreat is intentionally very open. On Friday afternoon, we will gather at the Abbey for worship and to set the intention for the weekend. You will receive a simple devotional guide with questions, scriptures, and quotes for reflection. Then, we will enter a 24-hour period of silence and listening. During the 24-hour period (from Friday evening, until Saturday evening) you are free to rest, read, journal or walk the lovely grounds at the abbey. You may also choose to join the monastic community for prayer in the Basilica; they gather six times a day to pray. After the Saturday evening meal, we will gather to share what we have experienced during our day of silence, followed by a time of fellowship. Sunday morning, we join in worship again, and share a meal before returning home.

A motel-type building at the Abbey allows private rooms. We will have six scheduled meals in the dining hall—dinner Friday through lunch on Sunday. The cost is \$150.00 for a single room or a double room is \$145.00. Meals are included in the cost. We have 10 rooms reserved, which means registration is limited and early registration is encouraged. To register or for more information contact Pastor Carol at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive at First Baptist

Please join us for a blood drive at First Baptist Church on Monday, June 21, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FIRSTBAPTIST to schedule the appointment.



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