



# Our Worship of God

April 5, 2020

11:15 am

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## ✠ Palm Sunday ✠

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prelude**

Son of God, Eternal Savior

arr. Burkhardt

**Call to Worship (unison)**

**We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.  
We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;  
we will travel through betrayal and death,  
cradling hope deep in our hearts.  
Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,  
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.  
We wave palm branches in anticipation,  
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.  
Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:  
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.  
Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

**Children's Led Moment**

**Processional Hymn 203**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving, and changing clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King;  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

## **Hebrew Bible Reading**

Pastor Michael McEntyre

### **Psalm 118: 1, 5-6, 21-29**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.  
With the Lord on my side I do not fear.  
What can mortals do to me?

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.  
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Pastoral Prayer

## Gospel Reading

### **John 12:9-19**

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

**Sharing our Gifts**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Hobby

**Hymn of Praise 204**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

(omit verse 2)

*All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!*

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present;*

*To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise;*

*Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!*

**Message**

Carol McEntyre

**Preparation for Communion**

Jesus, at Your Holy Table  
sung to BEACH SPRING

*Jesus, at Your holy table, may our hearts united be.  
Bind us with your grace and presence that redeem and set us free.  
Crucify our pride and hatred, light the path on which we walk.  
Teach us how to love each other, in the way that you have taught.*

*Christ, remind us of Your passion, of Your precious life out-poured,  
Of the love which none can fathom, and our victory evermore.  
Bread of heaven, wine of promise, feed us with Your holy Word.  
Nourish us with Your strong presence, risen Savior only Lord.*

**Invitation to Holy Communion**

Holy are you, Sustainer of the weary,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ,  
your Love who became human.  
He emptied himself of glory,  
to be filled with our broken hopes and hearts.

He chose the path of suffering love,  
so that we could wave homemade branches of joy.  
He walked the sin-cold stones  
into the tomb which could not hold him,  
so we could join our voices together,  
'Hosanna! Hosanna! He is risen!'

As we journey through Jerusalem and beyond,  
as we struggle with death, loss, isolation, and grief  
we ponder that mystery we call faith:

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Here, at this table and at the tables of our homes,  
graced with creation's gifts,  
we discover we are still connected.  
Here and in our homes,  
where your love enlivens  
the bread and the cup,  
we are given sustenance for the journey.  
Sharing deeply in the Spirit,  
we can give hope its wings,  
as it emboldens us to minister to one another.  
Strengthened by the grace  
with which you feed us,  
we can join together  
through Zoom meetings, phone calls, and livestreams  
to sustain our souls and the weary of the world.

## **Holy Communion**

### **Hymn of Response 212**

### **What Wondrous Love is This**

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!*

#### **Benediction (unison)**

**God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
God is in the midst of the city;  
it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**Postlude**

Lead Me to Calvary (inspired by Beethoven)

arr. Lopex

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# Worship Notes

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Call to Worship, written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog. Visit there for many other excellent lectionary-based resources.

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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.

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## Week at a Glance

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### Tuesday, April 7

9:30 am Pause for Prayer

*Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null*

4:00 pm First Kids Connect

*Children's Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null*

### Wednesday, April 8

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon

*Online Zoom call with Pastor Carol McEntyre*

6:00 pm The Calling Online

*Online Zoom meeting with Pastor Michael McEntyre*

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Check-in

*Online Zoom meeting with Noah Hartsfield*

### Thursday, April 9

7:00 pm Pause for Prayer

*Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null*

### Friday, April 10

6:00 pm Good Friday Online Service

*Online Zoom Churchwide Service*

### Sunday, April 12

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study

*Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study*

11:15 am Easter Online Worship Service

*Stream the worship service by clicking "Watch Us Live" from link at the top of our website*

Information regarding Zoom meetings  
is available on our website:  
[www.fbc-columbia.org](http://www.fbc-columbia.org)  
Go to: "Get Involved" tab  
and then click "Online Gatherings"

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## Announcements

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### Weekly Online Gatherings

On Sunday mornings at 10:15 am, there is corporate Bible Study prior to our 11:15 online service. Tuesdays at 9:30 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm Brittany McDonald Null is hosting *Pause for Prayer*, a fifteen-minute guided prayer using different grounding practices. On Wednesdays at noon, Pastor Carol McEntyre is leading a 30 minute-long zoom call for a weekly check-in, scripture reflection, and prayer. Youth will have a call with Pastor Michael McEntyre on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. On Tuesdays at 4pm, there will be a First Kids Zoom Call online for kids and volunteers with Pastor Brittany. Each of the zoom calls is open to all. Our zoom conferencing allows up to 300 people to join! We will post the link on our Facebook page and send an email with the code to join. Those who wish not to join via webcam can also call a number and join by phone. We look forward to new and creative ways to be church together in this season of change. If you need any assistance setting up the free zoom service, you can contact Pastors Michael and Brittany, or the Telling team members Jason Tratchel and Bryce Null.

### First Baptist Scholarships

First Baptist Church is fortunate to have endowments specifically to help with post-high school education expenses. If you are currently enrolled in a course of study and would like to be considered for support, application forms are on our website under the “Resources” tab or by calling the church office. The deadline to submit applications is May 1. Specific scholarships are designated for women in ministry, the helping sciences, and science and engineering, in addition to support for areas outside of those designated.

### Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 10 at 6:00 pm we invite you to join us via Zoom or through our webcast for a brief Good Friday time of worship. Good Friday, the Friday before Easter, is the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We invite you to prepare a meal of comfort food and join us, at your kitchen table, for this service of remembrance. We will worship together and then, bless our meals before signing off the call.

<https://zoom.us/j/287147853>  
or, join by phone: 1-312-626-6799

## First Baptist Book Club

The First Baptist Book Club has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 14 at 6 pm via zoom. The book club will discuss *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen.

<https://zoom.us/j/914728205>  
or, join by phone: 1-312-626- 6799

## Community Art Project for Easter

Beautiful yard, sidewalk, and window art are appearing in neighborhoods everywhere! It is a delight to see people finding ways to bring beauty, hope, and joy into the world while staying at home. With our stay at home order, we wanted to join in with a moment happening all around the city and the country- to bring beauty and encouragement to our community by using what we have. Easter Sunday we will join in the Hallelujah Project.

### Hallelujah Project:

1. Use what you have (sidewalk chalk, paper, paint, crayons, string, scraps of wood, etc.) to create a "Hallelujah" banner/sign/message for Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.
2. Tag our church on Instagram and Facebook and use the hashtag #athomehallelujah

## Flowering the Cross - A Declaration of Hope on Easter Morning

On Easter, we often celebrate by covering our cross with colorful flowers or ribbons. While we will not be able to do this as a community this year, Brenda will be covering our cross on our front lawn with flowers and we want to encourage you to create your own cross to beautify. First, during Holy Week, make a cross. It can be out of popsicle sticks, twigs, or even paper! Then on Easter morning, cover the cross with flowers. They can be flowers from your garden, flowers made from paper, or even flowers drawn right on the cross. The method isn't important, this is an act of hope, a declaration that God can and will make beautiful things out of grief and the cross.