



Our Worship of God

June 21, 2020

11:15 am

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Opening Prayer

God, the encourager, God, the compassionate,
God, the merciful, holy, blessed:

Disturb us. Rouse us from our sleep.
Lift us into consciousness of your presence.
Change us, move us, mold us for the better;
so that, at the sound of your voice,
at the call of our name,
we will never be the same.

May our worship do this and so much more,
in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*At this time, we invite you to light a candle at your place of worship
as a reminder of God's presence with us.*

Opening Song

Awakening Praise Band

One Thing Remains

*Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains, One thing remains*

*Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me*

Your love

*On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains*

*In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love*

Children's Moment

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sharing Our Gifts

Hymn 689

The Church's One Foundation

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation, by water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 21:11-17

So Gad came to David and said to him, “Thus says the Lord, ‘Take your choice: either three years of famine; or three months of devastation by your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or three days of the sword of the Lord, pestilence on the land, and the angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.’ Now decide what answer I shall return to the one who sent me.” Then David said to Gad, “I am in great distress; let me fall into the hand of the Lord, for his mercy is very great; but let me not fall into human hands.” So the Lord sent a pestilence on Israel; and seventy thousand persons fell in Israel. And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; but when he was about to destroy it, the Lord took note and relented concerning the calamity; he said to the destroying angel, “Enough! Stay your hand.” The angel of the Lord was then standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. David looked up and saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. And David said to God, “Was it not I who gave the command to count the people? It is I who have sinned and done very wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Let your hand, I pray, O Lord my God, be against me and against my father’s house; but do not let your people be plagued!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Lord’s Prayer (responsive)

Our Father in Heaven,

**remind us constantly that you are parent to all your children,
whoever, or wherever they are or come from.**

Hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,

establishing peace and justice, hope and life for all peoples.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Disturb us into awareness of the needs of others.

Forgive us our sins,

our pride and our prejudices.

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

**Especially keep our hearts and minds open
to see the good in others.**

Deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,

just and true,

the power,

gentle and fair,

and the glory,

shot through with the colors of love,

are yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

Song of Praise

Your Love is Strong

*Heavenly Father You always amaze me
Let Your kingdom come in my world and in my life
Give me the food I need to live through today
And forgive me as I forgive the people that wrong me
Lead me far from temptation
Deliver me from the evil one*

*I look out the window the birds are composing
Not a note is out of tune or out of place
I walk to the meadow and stare at the flowers
Better dressed than any girl on her wedding day
So why should I worry why do I freak out
God knows what I need You know what I need*

*Your love is
Your love is
Your love is strong*

*The kingdom of the heavens is now advancing
Invade my heart invade this broken town*

*The kingdom of the heavens is buried treasure
Would you sell yourself to buy the one you've found
Two things You told me that You are strong
And You love me yes You love me*

*Our God in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name above all names
Your kingdom come Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us weary sinners
Keep us far from our vices
And deliver us from these prisons*

Message

Brian Kaylor

Hymn of Response

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
Sung to NETTLETON

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.*

*Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.*

*Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious that we all may know God's grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.*

Life of the Church

Benediction - A Franciscan Blessing (Unison)

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

Postlude

O God our Help in Ages Past

Worship Notes

Opening Prayer, -from **In the Name of Jesus.... Service Prayers for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, posted on the [Worship Ways](#) page of the United Church of Christ website.

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails) , Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Jeremy Riddle, CCLI #5508444

The Church's One Foundation, Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

Responsive Lord's Prayer, ~ from *From Shore to Shore: A collection of liturgies, litanies and prayers from around the world*. Published by USPG and SPCK. <http://www.amazon.ca/From-Shore-Liturgies-Litanies-Prayers/dp/0281053936> Posted on the **Third Space** website. <http://third-space.org.uk/general/the-lords-prayer>

Your Love is Strong, Jon Foreman CCLI #5295221

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness, ©1987 Hope Publishing Company, Words: Rusty Edwards

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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.

Week at a Glance

Monday, June 22

5:30 pm Virtual Trustee's Meeting

Tuesday, June 23

8:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour with Pastor Brittany

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

4:00 pm First Kids Connect

Children's Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

5:30 pm Virtual Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 24

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

Sunday, June 28

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

11:15 am Online Worship Service

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

2:30 pm Awakening Praise Band Gathering

4:30 – 6:00 pm Compassion Camp Drive-Thru Party

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

Announcements

Stay Connected

During this period of physical distancing, we believe it is important to stay connected as a church family. First Baptist is offering several opportunities to connect throughout the week. More information can be found at <http://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/online-gatherings/> and an email with all of the links will be sent out this week. Below is a list of the online gatherings being offered this week. If you have any questions about any of the gatherings, contact Brittany, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation.

- Sunday
 - 10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 - 10:15 am Connections Small Group
 - 10:15 am Discussions Class
 - 10:15 am Youth Small Group
 - 2:30 pm Awakening Praise Band Gathering

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 - 8:30 am Coffee Hour with Pastor Brittany
 - 1:00 pm Crafty Critters
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 - 6:00 pm The Calling Online
 - 6:30 pm Chancel Bells Weekly Gathering

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, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490.

If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

Compassion Camp - July 2020 - Registration Now Open!

This year, Kids Camp is going to look quite a bit different. After listening to our families and meeting with Kids Camp staff, we are excited to announce Compassion Camp! A five-week, self-paced, at-home Vacation Bible Camp. Each Monday, beginning June 29, families will have access to a morning's worth of material that they can either do at once or spread out throughout the week. Families will be equipped with a Camp Kit, have access to pre-recorded videos, and have the option to join with other campers for live events hosted on Zoom and Facebook Live throughout the week. Compassion Camp is geared for Pre K - 5th graders and their families. Younger participants are welcome, but more family involvement and adaptation will be necessary. Registration is free and includes a t-shirt and Camp Kit. Adults have the option to purchase a shirt for \$10. To register, or for more information, contact Pastor Brittany or visit us online at fbc-columbia.org.

Compassion Camp Drive-Thru Launch Party - Sunday, June 28

Next Sunday, June 28 from 4:30-6:00, Compassion Camp will be hosting a Drive-Thru Launch Party. Compassion Camp participants can drive through the church parking lot to pick up their Compassion Camp Kit with all the materials needed for a month full of fun. Be sure to smile and wave as Ms. Lillian and Pastor Brittany celebrate with you in this new at-home camp experience!

Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. We have a Benevolence Fund, which can respond in times such as these. The Missions Council has also set aside additional funds to provide relief and the church is considering further ways in which we can be of greater assistance. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!

First Baptist Book Club – August 2020

First Baptist's Book Club has selected *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. Austin is an activist, a writer, a speaker, and a media producer providing inspired leadership on racial justice in America. In *I'm Still Here*, Brown offers an eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America's love affair with "diversity" so often falls short of its ideals. In order to give time for people to purchase and read the book, the next Book Club meeting will take place in August!

Virtual Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly

On June 25 and 26, you are invited to join Cooperative Baptists from across the country and around the world for an engaging on-line two-day interactive learning experience with your CBF Family. This year's General Assembly is all about Forming Bold Faith. Over the course of these two days, you'll worship, participate in timely workshops, see what's happening with our ministry partners and browse a virtual exhibit hall, all from the comfort of your own home or office. Registration is free and is required to participate. You can register online at <https://cbf.net/generalassembly-2020> As you know our Pastor Carol McEntyre is incoming Moderator of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She will be speaking about her bold dreams for the Fellowship during the event.

Conversation on White Supremacy & American Christianity

Join religious liberty supporters across the country on June 26 for The Baptist Joint Committee's annual luncheon, (virtual lunch this year), which will feature a conversation on white supremacy and American Christianity.

Our program includes a conversation with scholar Robert P. Jones and political journalist Joy Reid. Jones, the CEO and Founder of PRRI is a leading commentator on religion, culture and politics. He is the author of the forthcoming book *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*, and *The End of White Christian America*, which won the 2019 Grawemeyer Award in Religion.

Registration is now open for the annual BJC Luncheon--and this year it's free to attend for all! Join us from wherever you are on Friday, June 26: <https://bit.ly/3ctF5zo>