



Our Worship of God

June 28, 2020

11:15 am

Opening Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.*

*There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
and our lives would be illuminated by the presence of our Lord.*

Call to Worship (responsive)

Something new is stirring in our church, O Lord.

A different voice comes to us.

Make us ready to receive this new Word

Open our hearts and renew our spirits.

Let us be the voice of welcome, the spirit of joy.

Let us be those who bring the life-giving waters to others. 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.*

Matthew 10:37-42

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Sharing Our Gifts

Song of Hope

Build Your Kingdom Here

*Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us*

*We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church, we pray revive this earth*

*Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray*

*Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth*

Prayer of Welcome and the Lord's Prayer (responsive)

Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you welcome us all to your loving presence.

**May we open our arms to embrace you,
May we see you in the face of a stranger,
May we welcome you in the love of a friend.**

We believe you welcome the abandoned, the misfit, the wretched to your feast.
**Forgive us for the times we have allowed our prejudices to overrule,
and rejected you because you are different, ostracized or despised.**

We believe that there is beauty hidden in each person,
**Forgive us for the times we have failed to see your face,
because you are disenfranchised or without a home.**

We believe we are all precious in your sight.
**Forgive us for when we have counted you unworthy of our love,
for when we have been indifferent to your cries.**

We believe we are called to share life together as members of one family,
**Forgive us for when we have been unconcerned for your suffering,
and failed to see others in your worldwide community as you do.**

We are all created in God's image,
redeemed by Christ,
filled with the Holy Spirit.

We are all invited to feast at God's banquet table.
We are welcomed into God's eternal kingdom,
with all the peoples' of the earth.

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin
against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn

I Met a Stranger on the Road

*I met a stranger on the road who read a book alone,
Whose skin was dark and language strange, whose status was unknown,
And yet he read my sacred text, this pilgrim from abroad,
And asked, "Where can I find a guide to lead me to this God?"*

*I told the story of the Christ whose life denounced each wall,
Whose love expands our narrowed sights: the Lamb raised up for all.
And when I asked if he believed, I saw my view was flawed:
We both encountered grace that day, we both were led to God.*

*For when we draw our boundary lines dividing out from in,
Then Christ stands on the other side; exclusion is our sin.
Praise God for strangers on the road—the diff'rent and the odd—
the pilgrim guides who take our hand and lead us back to God.*

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Song of Response

No Outsiders

You are a refuge
You have no borders
When I was a stranger
Knocking at Your door
You took me in

With no questions
And no conditions
When I was a sinner
Running from Your grace
You called me friend

('Cause) There are no outsiders to Your love
We are all welcome there's grace enough
When I have wandered Lord
Your cross is the open door
There are no outsiders
I'm not an outsider (to Your love)

You are the harbour
In every tempest
When my soul was shipwrecked
Tossed upon the waves
You calmed the storm

You are the Father
There are no orphans
Every tribe and nation
Gathered in Your arms
Sings with one voice, Sing with one voice

I was tired I was poor
I was thrown upon Your shores
I was homeless and afraid
'Til I heard You call my name
And now I'm ransomed I'm restored
Resurrected I am Yours
I am loved yes I belong, Oh my soul has found its home

No there are no outsiders
No I'm not an outsider to Your love

Life of the Church

Benediction

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.
Quench our thirst for love,
Satisfy our need to be known,
Assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome.
Let us go to proclaim this peace in God's name.

Postlude

Come Thou Fount

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Worship Notes

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, Words: Frederick W. Faber, 1862. Music: Lizzie S. Tourjée, 1878

Call to Worship, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/8235/worship-connection-june-28-2020>

Build Your Kingdom Here, by Rend Collective Experiment. CCLI # 6186078

Prayer of Welcome and the Lord's Prayer, adapted from A Litany of Hospitality written by Christine Sine. Posted on Word Made Flesh. <http://www.wordmadeflesh.org/argentina/2009/06/a-litany-of-hospitality/>

No Outsiders, by Hank Bentley, Rend Collective, and Ed Cash. CCLI # 7101035

Benediction, ~ written by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook. an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She writes liturgies and shares her thoughts on <https://cookingwithelsa.org/>.

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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

Tuesday, June 30

8:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour with Pastor Brittany

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

4:00 pm Compassion Camp Bible Study

Children's Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Wednesday, July 1

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

Friday, July 3

Offices Closed for Independence Day Holiday

Sunday, July 5

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

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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 - 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 Drive-Thru Launch Party – This Evening

This evening, from 4:30-6:00 pm, 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!