



BE LOVED

BE KIND

BE YOU

Our Worship of God

July 12, 2020

11:15 am

Opening Song

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Sung to ROYAL OAK

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.*

*The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.*

*The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden:
He made them every one.*

*He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.*

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Jesus, Your compassion always looked like courage.

**Strengthen our hearts with your bravery
as we risk, reach out, and lift up
our siblings near and far.**

Help us keep our eyes on you.

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.*

Compassion Theme Interpretation

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Song of Praise

Abundantly More

*There is healing in the power of the Lord most high
There is courage in the shadow of His wings
There is peace unending over all my life
There is freedom that washes over me*

*I find all I need here in Your presence Lord
I open up my soul and You fill me up with
All I need here in Your presence Lord
Where blessings overflow
There's always abundantly more*

*There is rest in the goodness of the Lord my God
There is treasure in the kindness of my King
There is comfort in knowing Your unfailing love
My provider You set my spirit free*

*More than I could ask or seek
More than I could fathom
God Your love for me
Is better than I imagined*

Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Prayer of Compassion (unison)

**We thank you, Holy One,
Creator of sky, earth and sea and everything in them,
that you spoke by your prophets:
stretch out your hand now to heal,
perform among us miraculous signs and wonders:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that we too may speak bravely and act boldly for you;
through the name of your holy servant, Jesus.
Amen.**

Children's Moment

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null
Camille and Elsa Chang

Sharing Our Gifts

Special Music

Walk Together Children arr. Moses Hogan
Marques J. Ruff, *voice* Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Song of Response

You Make Me Brave

*I stand before You now
The greatness of Your renown
I have heard of the majesty and wonder of You
King of Heaven in humility I bow*

*As Your love in wave after wave
Crashes over me crashes over me
For You are for us You are not against us
Champion of Heaven
You made a way for all to enter in*

*I have heard You calling my name
I have heard the song of love that You sing
So I will let You draw me out beyond the shore
Into Your grace*

*You make me brave
You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave
You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the Love that made a way*

*Because of love in wave after wave
Crashes over me crashes over me
For You are for us You are not against us
Champion of Heaven You made a way*

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

How Great Thou Art

Worship Notes

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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, July 14

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 15

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

7:00 pm Hymn Sing in honor of Marques J. Ruff

Sunday, July 19

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

- Tuesday
 - 1:00 pm Crafty Critters
 - 4:00 pm Compassion Camp Bible Study

- Wednesday
 - 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
 - 6:00 pm The Calling Online

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.

Hymn Sing in Honor of Marques J. Ruff

On Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. we will gather on the front lawn at the church for a hymn sing in honor of Marques J. Ruff. Since August of 2019, Marques has served as our Interim Director of Traditional Music. We are so grateful for his ministry among us and want to wish him well. In order to take the necessary precautions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we are asking that all in attendance wear a mask. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided for you. We are also asking you to bring your own lawn chair. If you cannot make it to the Hymn Sing, you can send a card to the church office at 1112 East Broadway. Marques' last Sunday leading us in worship will be July 26.

New Sermon Series

The sermon series on compassion coincides with Compassion Camp, our virtual, at-home children's ministry VBS or Kids Camp for the summer where kids and their families are exploring what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world.

Compassion Camp utilizes a very simple definition of compassion: I see your hurt, I feel your hurt with you and I'll work to ease your hurt. It is a reminder that compassion is rooted in a Latin word meaning "co-suffering." Compassion is seeing someone who is hurting and practicing empathy. However, we know that as followers of Jesus, empathy is not enough. Compassion, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ, must move us toward action, toward alleviating suffering. The Bible does not just call us to believe in the faith, but to act on it. We are all sent by Jesus into the world to work for the good of the world. Throughout this series, we will be exploring different places in our lives where we might cultivate compassion.

The Color of Compromise Study Expands and Resumes

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, a small group was meeting to talk about *The Color of Compromise* a book and video study by Jemar Tisby, which takes readers on a historical journey: from America's early colonial days through slavery and the Civil War, covering the tragedy of Jim Crow laws and the victories of the Civil Rights era, to today's Black Lives Matter movement. Author Jemar Tisby reveals the obvious—and the far more subtle—ways the American church has compromised what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality.

Tisby uncovers the roots of sustained injustice in the American church, highlighting the cultural and institutional tables that need to be turned in order to bring about real and lasting progress between black and white people. Through a story-driven survey of American Christianity's racial past, he exposes the concrete and chilling ways people of faith have actively worked against racial justice, as well as the deafening silence of the white evangelical majority. Tisby shows that while there has been progress in fighting racism, historically the majority of the American church has failed to speak out against this evil. This ongoing complicity is a stain upon the church, and sadly, it continues today.

Tisby does more than diagnose the problem, however. He charts a path forward with intriguing ideas that further the conversation as he challenges us to reverse these patterns and systems of complicity with bold, courageous, and immediate action. *The Color of Compromise* provides an accurate diagnosis for a racially divided American church and suggests creative ways to foster a more equitable and inclusive environment among God's people.

The group lead by Lynne Lampe and Julie Walker are planning to restart their discussion of *The Color of Compromise* in August via Zoom. They are also planning to do some research on racism in Columbia and First Baptist's response throughout the years. If you would like to join the discussion, purchase the book on your own, begin reading, then email Lynne at llampe.editor@gmail.com. To allow for maximum participation, the group is not planning to meet during Sunday Morning Small Group hour and will pick another day and time for the four sessions, to be determined by those who choose to participate.

- Session 1: Chapters 1-2 (Group introductions, book intro, Colonial Era)
- Session 2: Chapters 3-5 (Age of Revolution and Revival, Antebellum Era, Civil War)
- Session 3: Chapters 6-8 (Jim Crow, Northern Complicity, Civil Rights Movement)
- Session 4: Chapters 9-11 ("Religious right" , Racial Reconciliation, Black Lives Matter, Courage in the "Age of Now")

ForColumbia Service Opportunity - August 1

Covid-19 put a halt to our plans to return to Benton Elementary this past April to help create a new outdoor learning classroom for the students. However, under the current guidelines for the city, we are planning to be able to move forward with this project on August 1 with a smaller team of folks following the appropriate precautions. The work will include moving some fencing and installing new sections; spreading mulch in a large area that will include several new “play elements” for this outdoor classroom; painting some of the play elements of the outdoor classroom; general yard clean-up of the property.

Shelby Myers and Michael McEntyre will be leading the work at the site. If you are in a lower risk category for Covid-19 and feel comfortable participating in this project, please contact Michael at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org to pre-register.

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!

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!