



BE LOVED

BE KIND

BE YOU

# Our Worship of God

July 26, 2020

11:15 am

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Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

## Opening Prayer (responsive)

Loving Spirit, You are active and alive,  
**always moving and stirring within and around us!**  
Please be an encouraging wind at our backs,  
**giving us open minds and soft hearts to follow where you lead.**  
Make us flexible and present in each moment  
**that we might embrace compassion by letting go of what we  
expected. Amen.**

## Opening Hymn 362

Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

## 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.*

**Ruth 1:8-18**

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.  
Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.  
May the LORD do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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

## Song of Praise

## I'm With You

*Love is a hurricane in a blue sky  
I didn't see it coming never knew why  
All the laughter and the dreams  
All the memories in between  
Washed away in a steady stream*

*Love is a hunger a famine in your soul  
I thought I planted beauty but it would never grow  
Now I'm on my hands and knees  
Trying to gather up my dreams  
Trying to hold on to anything*

*And we could shake a fist in times like this  
When we don't understand  
Or we could just hold hands*

*(It's) You and me me and you  
Where you go I'll go too  
I'm with you I'm with you  
Until your heart finds a home  
I won't let you feel alone  
I'm with you, I'm with you (with You)*

*You do your best to build a higher wall  
To keep love safe from any wrecking ball  
When the dust has cleared we will  
See the house that love rebuilds  
Guarding beauty that lives here still*

*Who can say I'm left with nothing  
When I have all of you all of you yeah  
In the way you always love me  
I remember He does too*

## Children's Moment

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

## **Prayer for Presence (responsive)**

As the day begins  
with all that lies ahead of me  
you, O God, are present.

**Help me also to be present.**

In morning routines,  
or morning chaos,  
you, O God, are present.

**Help me also to be present.**

In difficult conversations,  
in comforting words,  
you, O God, are present.

**Help me also to be present.**

In laughter shared with a friend,  
in sadness leaking down a face,  
you, O God, are present.

**Help me also to be present.**

With too much to do,  
or hours stretching out before me,  
you, O God, are present.

**Help me also to be present.**

And as the day ends,  
with carried over to-do lists,  
regrets and triumphs,  
confessions and thanksgivings:  
you, O God, are present.

**Help me also to be present.**

Root me in your love.  
Soak me in your grace.

**Anchor me in your presence. Amen.**

## **Sharing Our Gifts**

## Hymn 532

## Be Thou My Vision

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

## Message

Dr. Terrell Carter

## Song of Response

Follow You Anywhere

*You make it easy to love You  
You are good and You are kind  
You bring joy into my life  
You make it easy to trust You  
You have never left my side  
You've been faithful ev'ry time*

*All I want is You Jesus  
All I want is You*

*You are the refuge I run to  
You are the fire that leads me through the night  
I'll follow You anywhere  
There's a million reasons to trust You  
Nothing to fear for You are by my side  
I'll follow You anywhere*

*O Jesus You came to my rescue  
Took my place upon that cross  
You redeemed what I had lost  
Now my whole world revolving around You*

*You're the center of my life  
You're the treasure You're the prize*

*Follow You anywhere oh  
I'll follow You anywhere oh*

*Wherever You lead me  
Whatever it costs me  
All I want is You  
Jesus all I want is You*

## **Life of the Church**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

Tribute to Marques

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# 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.

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## Week at a Glance

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### Tuesday, July 28

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 29

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:00 pm The Calling Online

*Online Zoom meeting with Pastor Michael McEntyre*

### Sunday, August 2

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*

**1:00 pm Business Meeting via Zoom**

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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### 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.

### Business Meeting via Zoom - August 2

On August 2 at 1:00 pm, join us for a Church Business Meeting via Zoom. We will hear an update for our Missions Team, from the Church Treasurer about how the church is doing financially during the pandemic, and from our Trustees about the church parking lot and other projects around the building.

Time: Aug 2, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82926141105?pwd=QlowcVFyZENiRnFmaTZzTUfjK2c4UT09>

Meeting ID: 829 2614 1105

Password: FBC

One tap mobile:

+13126266799 US (Chicago)

### Compassion Camp Drive-Thru Sending - August 2

August 2 marks the end of Compassion Camp! We have had an incredible 5 weeks of growing in compassion with each other. On Sunday, August 2, from 4-5 pm Compassion Camp will host a Drive Thru sending. Campers can trade in their mural piece for their t-shirt, take a picture in front of our photo booth, and wave at Ms. Lillian and Pastor Brittany as we conclude Compassion Camp. Campers are encouraged to make a sign or flag to wave from their car as we celebrate compassion together!

### 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](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) to pre-register.

## Worship Service Options Beginning August 9

We are excited to announce that beginning Sunday, August 9 at 9:15 am, we are planning to host in-person worship services on the front lawn of the church building. Since March, the Church Council has met regularly to discuss the possibility of resuming in-person worship. A growing consensus exists among experts, which suggests if Americans are going to leave their homes, it is safer to be outside than indoors where fresh air and more space between people can help mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, since the HVAC systems in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall only recirculate air, simply sucking the air in from the room, cooling it and then, pushing it back out into the room, we feel even with social distancing measures it is not our best option at this time. Based on these factors and the uptick of COVID-19 cases in Columbia, the Church Council believes gathering outdoors on the front lawn is the safest option for now.

We are excited about the opportunity to gather in-person and plan to host outdoor services each Sunday (weather permitting) at 9:15 am beginning August 9. We will rotate the music leadership of the service every few weeks to allow for a variety of musical styles to be experienced in-person. Our 11:15 am service will continue to be tailored to an online experience and will also rotate the music leadership of that service to complement and allow for our in-person service. The guidelines for in-person gatherings on the front lawn will apply to the 9:15 am worship services as well. We understand that despite all our precautions, in-person gathering still elevate risks of exposure and encourage our church members to make choices based on what is best for you and your family.

## Guest Speaker – Conversation on Christian Nationalism

August 9 & 16

On August 9 and 16 at 10:15 am via zoom, Brian Kaylor will be our guest speaker for a conversation on Christian Nationalism. Christian Nationalism is an ideology, which seeks to merge Christian and American identities and in doing so, distorts both the Christian faith and America's constitutional democracy. Christian Nationalism equates being a Christian with being American and asserts that Christianity should be privileged by the State over other religions. Christian Nationalism implies that to be a good American, one must be Christian.

In the last few years, we have seen a rise in legislation around the country, and in Missouri, which attempts to advance the cause of Christian Nationalism. Some Christians have launched an effort known as "Project Blitz" in hopes of fusing Christianity and American Civic Life. Lawmakers in more than a dozen states used model bills from *Project Blitz*, on topics like encouraging classes on "Bible literacy" in public schools and mandating public schools post "In God We Trust." In April of 2019, our Pastor Carol McEntyre testified in Jefferson City against one of these bills, a biblical literacy bill, which encourages public schools to teach the Bible. Baptists have historically stood for religious liberty for all, and believed that everyone should be free to practice their faith or to have no faith if they so choose. Faith should never be coerced. We hope you will join us for this important conversation about religious liberty for all!

- *Brian Kaylor is editor & president of Word&Way, associate director of Churchnet, and author of four books on religion, politics, and communication. He graduated with an M.A. and Ph.D. in political communication from the University of Missouri.*

## First Baptist Book Club – Tuesday, August 11

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. The book club will meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm on August 11 to discuss the first 6 chapters. Email Pastor Brittany at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org) for the Zoom link.

## 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.

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](mailto: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.

## 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!