



Our Worship of God

August 9, 2020

11:15 am

- Online Service -

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Oh God, Beyond All Praising
Colleen Ostercamp, Pedro Ramiro

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Call to Worship (responsive)

Gracious God,
As we gather in our homes to offer You praise and thanksgiving,
**Your unfailing love and faithfulness,
is like a steady force amidst the waves.**
Through the power of Your Holy Spirit,
open our eyes to recognize You among us.
**Give us courage to step out in faith to meet You,
and confidence to follow where You lead.**
For You are our God,
and we are Your people,
striving to grow little by little,
day by day. 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 Hymn 612

How Firm a Foundation

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*

Gospel Reading

John Hall

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Sharing Our Gifts

Hymn 358

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, thy children go,
Protect them by thy guarding hand
From every peril on the land.*

*O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by thy watchful care
From every peril in the air.*

*O Trinity of love and power,
Thy children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

Message

Carol McEntyre

Hymn of Response

How Can I Keep from Singing?

*My life flows on in endless song,
Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?*

Life of the Church

Benediction

Worship Notes

Call to Worship ~ <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/opening-prayer-matthew-1422-33.html>

How Firm a Foundation, Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, Music: Traditional American melody.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save, Words: William Whiting, 1860. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

How Can I Keep from Singing? https://hymnary.org/text/my_life_flows_on_in_endless_song

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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

Tuesday, August 11

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call
- 7:00 pm First Baptist Book Club Zoom

Wednesday, August 12

- 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
- 6:00 pm The Calling Online
Online Zoom meeting with Pastor Michael McEntyre

Sunday, August 16

- 9:15 am Worship Service on the Front Lawn
- 10:15 am Special Guest Speaker Brian Kaylor
Conversation on Christian Nationalism
- 11:15 am 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
Go to: "Get Involved" tab
and then click "Online Gatherings"

Announcements

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.

Worship Service Options Beginning August 9

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.

Fall Book Study - *Everything Must Change* by Brian D. McLaren

In September, Pastor Carol McEntyre will be facilitating a discussion of the book *Everything Must Change* by Brian McLaren. We invite you to read the book and then, join a Zoom Meeting for a discussion. Depending on how many people want to join us, we might have one or two groups meeting. We might have one group meeting via Zoom and another group meeting in-person on the front lawn, while wearing masks and physically distancing.

If you want to join the discussion, first go ahead and order your own copy of *Everything Must Change*, have it shipped to your house and begin reading. Then, email Pastor Carol by August 17 at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org and let her know you plan to join the study. When she has a good list of people who are interested, she will send out a poll and determine how many groups we will have for discussion and if we will meet online or in-person.

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 for the Zoom link.

Blizzards with Brittany

Hey First Kids Families! During the month of August, I am excited to announce a different opportunity for connection: Blizzards with Brittany. After an amazing 5 weeks of Compassion Camp and a great time of connection during First Kids Connect, it feels like it is time to take a screen-time break! The Zoom fatigue is real - and I bet you feel it too!

Blizzards with Brittany is an opportunity for kids 3-years-old through those entering 6th grade to connect, to pray together, and to have some screen-free time. Families can sign up for a spot, and I will bring a small Dairy Queen Blizzard of your kid(s) choice and socially distance while spending some time together outside. The time slots are an hour to give some time for travel, and ice cream pick-up but expect the hangouts to be about 45 minutes. Email Brittany for available times and to sign up!

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!