



“**Things I wish
I would have said...**”

about the Pandemic back in March
but I didn't know them yet



Our Worship of God

October 4, 2020

9:15 am

- Outdoor Service -

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

When we pass through the waters,
God is there with us.
When we suffer and feel hopeless,
God is there with us.
When we are joyful and celebratory,
God is there with us.
Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,
God is there with us, always.
Come, let us worship together
For God with us.

†Opening Song

Holy Water

*God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need You
Oh I need You*

*Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need You
Oh I need You*

*Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)*

*Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need You
Oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside
Take me under baptize
I need You
Oh God I need You oh*

*I don't wanna miss Your grace
God I need it ev'ry day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change*

*Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water*

*Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water*

Isaiah 43:1-2, 15-19

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

I am the Lord, your Holy One,

the Creator of Israel, your King.

Thus says the Lord,

who makes a way in the sea,

a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,

army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise

Another in the Fire

*There's a grace when the heart is under fire
Another way when the walls are closing in
And when I look at the space between
Where I used to be and this reckoning
I know I will never be alone*

*There was another in the fire
Standing next to me
There was another in the waters
Holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding
Of how I've been set free
There is a cross that bears the burden
Where another died for me
There is another in the fire*

*All my debt left for dead beneath the waters
I'm no longer a slave to my sin anymore
And should I fall in the space between
What remains of me and this reckoning
Either way I won't bow to the things of this world
And I know I will never be alone*

*There is another in the fire
Standing next to me
There is another in the waters
Holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding
What power set me free
There is a grave that holds no body
And now that power lives in me*

*There is another in the fire oh
There is another in the fire oh*

*There is another in the fire oh
There is another in the fire oh*

*And I can see the light in the darkness
As the darkness bows to Him
I can hear the roar in the heavens
As the space between wears thin
I can feel the ground shake beneath us
As the prison walls cave in
Nothing stands between us
Nothing stands between (us)*

*There is no other name
But the Name that is Jesus
He who was and still is
And will be through it all
So come what may in the space between
All the things unseen and this reckoning
I know I will never be alone
I know I will never be alone*

*There'll be another in the fire
Standing next to me
There'll be another in the waters
Holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding
How good You've been to me
I'll count the joy come ev'ry battle
'Cause I know that's where You'll be*

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Message

Dr. Pam Durso

Forgetting the Former Things

The Practice of Letting Go

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Song of Response

The Goodness of God

*I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire*

*In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God*

*Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me*

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

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Litany for World Communion Sunday (responsive)

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children

who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands
to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.
And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.
And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast.

Communion

Song of Presence

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
I'm with you 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*

*I'm with you 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*

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, ~ written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution.

<http://rev-o-lution.org/2011/10/23/worship-resources-for-october-30-2011-and-all-saints-day/>

Holy Water, Andrew Bergthold | Ed Cash | Franni Cash | Martin Cash | Scott Cash. CCLI # 7136448

Another in the Fire, Chris Davenport | Joel Houston. CCLI # 7124907

Goodness of God, Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson, CCLI # 7117726

Litany for World Communion Sunday, And the Table Will Be Wide: A Blessing for World Communion Sunday by Jan Richardson

I'm With You, Nichole Nordeman and Bernie Herms CCLI #6119887

Dr. Pam Durso received her Ph.D. in church history from Baylor University in 1992, she has been a strong supporter of clergywomen and has written and edited numerous articles and books on women. She co-edited with LeAnn Gunter Johns, *The World is Waiting for You: Celebrating the 50th Ordination Anniversary of Addie Davis* (2014). She also edited and contributed to *This Is What A Preacher Looks Like: Sermons by Baptist Women in Ministry* (2010), as well as wrote five *State of Women in Baptist Life* reports (2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2015). Durso and her husband, Dr. Keith Durso, who earned his Ph.D. in ethics from Baylor University, have two adult children, Michael and Alex.

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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, October 6

- 12:00 pm *Wisdom for Pandemic Living* Video Series, Facebook & YouTube
- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

Wednesday, October 7

- 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
- 6:00 pm The Calling on the Lawn
- 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

- 12:00 pm *Everything Must Change* Online Book Study via Zoom

Sunday, October 11

- 9:15 am Online Worship Service

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

- 10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

- 10:30 am Student Ministry Group online

- 11:15 am Outdoor Worship Service on the Front Lawn

- 4:00 pm 1st & 2nd Graders First Kids Gathering

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.

First Kids Sunday Small Groups – Sundays in October

It has been a while since First Kids have gathered in-person to sing songs, learn about Jesus, and grow in God's love together. During October, First Kids will be kicking off *The Beatitudes* series in social-distanced style. Small gatherings will take place by age group in order to help maintain social distancing protocols and to best craft curriculum and experiences to each age groups' needs.

First Kids Small Groups will take place on the Front Lawn of the church on Sundays from 4:00-4:50 pm. Each Sunday, a *different* age group will meet. The schedule is as follows:

- **October 4 - Pre-K through Kindergarten**
- **October 11 - 1st and 2nd graders**
- **October 18 - 3rd through 5th graders**
- **October 25 - First Families Fall Party (all ages - details coming soon!)**

Children over two will be asked to wear a mask to the best of their ability while participating in First Kids events. If your child does not have a mask, one will be provided. Restrooms will be available, but we do encourage bathroom use before attending First Kids.

Autumn Changes to Worship Times- Next Sunday

Outdoor worship has been a gift, giving us a safe way to meet in-person. We want to continue gathering on the front lawn as long as possible but recognize that the weather is already beginning to cool off. To account for this, the Church Council has made the decision to move the Outdoor Worship Service to 11:15 am beginning Sunday, October 11. Hopefully, this will allow us to continue meeting for several more weeks. The Online Worship Service will be recorded and broadcasted at 9:15 am, but you can still watch at 11:15 am as usual.

New Worship Series

Practicing Presence: An Invitation to Prayer

On October 11 we are beginning a worship series entitled *Practicing Presence: An Invitation to Prayer*. At its core, prayer is being in the presence of God. Through this series, we will be talking about and practicing different forms of prayer during online and outdoor worship. Prayer is a reminder to center ourselves in God's love and care. Prayer isn't withdrawing from the problems of the world. Instead, prayer equips us to face the challenges with power from on high.

Prayer Guides and Boxes

As part of the *Practicing Presence* series, we are putting together a prayer box for each First Baptist family. The prayer box includes a booklet of prayers for personal use, a simple kit for making your own prayer beads, a finger labyrinth, and a candle. You may pick up your prayer box October 11 following in person worship or from 4:00-4:30 pm on October 11 by driving through the church parking lot.

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

Beginning October 12, the Sanctuary will be open for prayer and personal reflection on Mondays from 9 am-5 pm. One person or family at a time may sign up for a 30-minute time slot by contacting the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org

Trunk or Treat - October 25 at 4:00 pm

Join us in the First Baptist Parking Lot for an inaugural (and hopefully only) social distanced Trunk-or-Treat! The pandemic has added a new layer to Halloween, and First Families wants to provide a fun and safe way for the young and young at heart to dress up and indulge on the much anticipated Halloween candy.

In order to maintain social distancing, cars will be spaced throughout the parking lot to provide adequate distance and children will be asked to move in family units in between cars. For a new level of excitement, we are thrilled to introduce the Golden Pumpkin! The Golden Pumpkin will be awarded to the car that can most creatively deliver their candy from 6 feet away. We look forward to seeing your fun costumes and creative ways to minister to our families this season!

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. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!

Christian Mindfulness

Sunday Evenings at 5pm, beginning November 1

2020 is a bit different, but thanks to technology, we are still planning our annual Sheppard Lecture. Beginning Sunday, November 1 at 5:00 pm, Dr. Irene Kraegel is going to be with us via Zoom for 4 workshops called *Present to God: Christian Mindfulness Worship*. Dr. Irene Kraegel's book, *The Mindful Christian*, defines mindfulness in several different ways. One definition she gives is "Mindfulness is the act of showing up, of being present for the life that God has given us."

Grounded in Biblical theology, mindfulness theory, and clinical psychology, this series of four workshops, which Irene Kraegel will present, provides practical mindfulness experience that will equip participants to manage unpleasant emotions effectively and to fully engage with the life God has provided. The workshop is created to be down-to-earth in tone, engaging both the hearts and minds of participants - a great gift to people looking for mental health tools that can be applied within their journey of Christian discipleship.

Sessions include information-sharing, guided practice, and group discussion as appropriate. *The Mindful Christian* book is recommended (but not required) for participants as a workshop accompaniment. Each session will include time for connecting as a group at the beginning as well as debriefing at the end. Options will be given throughout for different types of engagement with the practices (including different physical positions).