



# *Our Worship of God*

*March 7, 2021*

*11:15 am*

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## *~ Third Week of Lent ~*

### **Preservice Music**

Take My Life and Let It Be  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

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### **Welcome**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

### **Prelude**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want  
Nate Roberts, *cello*      Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

*Later in the service we will be celebrating communion together,  
take a moment to gather juice and bread.*

### **Call to Worship**

One: Again and again,

**All: We come to this hour.**

One: Again and again,

**All: We gather across our many spaces as a community.**

One: Again and again,

**All: We move closer to God.**

One: And again and again,

**All: God is here.**

One: We are met.

**All: We are heard.**

One: We are shown the way.

**All: So again and again, let us worship our God.**

## Opening Song

## Open Up the Heavens

*We've waited for this day  
We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You  
Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth*

*You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing*

*Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise*

*Your presence in this place Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now  
Lord unveil our eyes*

*You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing*

*Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
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Filling every part of our praise  
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Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
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*Show us show us Your glory  
Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord*

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Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord*

*Open up the heavens we want to see You  
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### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*We invite you to light a candle at your place of worship  
as a visual reminder of God's presence with us.*

## **Scripture Reading**

Sherry Wyatt

### **John 2:13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

## **Children's Sermon**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

## **Sharing of Our Gifts**

## Hymn 130

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

## Message

Again and Again, We Are Shown the Way

Carol McEntyre

## Hymn of Preparation

As We Gather at Your Table

Sung to BEACH SPRING

*As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.*

*Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.*

*Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.*

## **Invitation to the Table**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)**

We give thanks for our God who knows holy rage—  
A God who stands with the underdog,  
Who passionately protects the suffering,  
And who overthrows systems of corruption.

**We give thanks for our God who leads by example—**  
**Feeding the hungry,**  
**Welcoming the children,**  
**Offering water to the Samaritan,**  
**Eating with the tax collector,**  
**Healing the sick,**  
**Preaching from the mountaintop,**  
**And offering second chances.**

We give thanks for our God who knew our capacity for mistakes,  
And still said, “I’m going to prepare a place for you.”  
We give thanks for our God who knew that we would lose our way,  
And still said, “This is my body broken for you.”  
And because of this love,  
We come to the table of grace,  
Again and again and again.  
Trusting that these table gifts  
will give us sustenance for the journey  
As again and again we are shown the way.

**Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

## Song of Praise

## All the Way My Savior Leads Me

*All the way my Savior leads me  
What have I to ask beside  
Can I doubt His tender mercy  
Who through life has been my Guide  
Heav'nly peace divinest comfort  
Here by faith in Him to dwell  
For I know whate'er befall me  
Jesus doeth all things well  
For I know whate'er befall me  
Jesus doeth all things well*

*All the way my Savior leads me  
Cheers each winding path I tread  
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial  
Feeds me with the living bread  
Though my weary steps may falter  
And my soul athirst may be  
Gushing from the Rock before me  
Lo a spring of joy I see  
Gushing from the Rock before me  
Lo a spring of joy I see*

*All the way my Savior leads me  
O the fullness of His love  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above  
When my spirit clothed immortal  
Wings its flight to realms of day  
This my song through endless ages  
Jesus led me all the way  
This my song through endless ages  
Jesus led me all the way*

## **Life of the Church**

### **Benediction**

*As you go  
May your mouth speak of God's goodness.  
May your arms hold those in need.  
May your feet walk toward justice.  
May your heart trust its worth.  
May your soul dance in God's grace.  
And may this be your rhythm—  
Again and again and again,  
Until God's promised day.  
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved,  
and Love itself, Go with courage,  
go with heart, go in peace.  
Amen.*

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# Worship Notes

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*Open Up the Heavens*, CCLI Song # 6304702, Andi Rozier | James Macdonald | Jason Ingram |  
Meredith Andrews | Stuart Garrard

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl G. Gläser; arr.  
Lowell Mason, 1839.

*As We Gather at Your Table*, ©1989 Hope Publishing Company. Tune: BEACH SPRING.

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*, CCLI Song # 85093, Fanny Jane Crosby | Robert Lowry

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, March 7

10:00 am Student Ministry Group online  
10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study  
11:15 am Online Worship Service

## Tuesday, March 9

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call  
5:30 pm Church Council Meeting via Zoom  
7:00 pm Visio Divina Bible Study via Zoom with Pastor Brittany

## Wednesday, March 10

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol  
6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal  
7:45 pm Chancel Choir Zoom

## Friday, March 12

12:15 pm Jesus Calling: Women's Devotional and Prayer Time via Zoom

## Sunday, March 14

10:00 am Student Ministry Group online  
10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study  
11:15 am Online Worship Service  
5:30 pm Racial Justice Team Zoom Meeting

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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.

### Tuesday Evening Visio Divina Bible Study

Visio Divina, Latin for “divine seeing,” is a method of meditation, reflection, and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. Visio Divina extends the 6th century Benedictine practice of Lectio Divina by the use of visual imagery. Traditionally, Visio Divina was accompanied by Benedictine iconography and illuminations, however, different faith traditions have adapted the process over time, utilizing both secular and non-secular images. During Lent, Pastor Brittany will be leading a Visio Divina Bible Study via Zoom at 7 pm. The meeting will be a blend of visual meditation with group discussion and bible study.

### Stations of the Cross Experience- March 1-17

Stations of the Cross is an in-person experience, which will be set up in the Sanctuary open March 1-17. The experience honors the ancient story of Jesus’ death while recognizing the ways this narrative repeats itself again and again throughout the past and present. It provides multi-sensory ways to engage, confess, and lament, creating a profound and prophetic worship experience. Designed by Rev. T. Denise Anderson, the service features her original artwork and artist statement, *Pietà: “Woman, Behold Your Son; Behold Your Mother”—a sermon project exploring the story of Mamie Till-Mobley (the mother of Emmett Till) and the grief of Mary, mother of Jesus, beholding her son on the cross.* You can sign up for a time by going to our website.

## Racial Justice Team Meeting – March 14

We are reforming our Racial Justice Team. The Racial Justice Team will hold its first organizational Zoom meeting Sunday, March 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The purpose and function of this group is to grow in our individual and collective understandings, and to advocate for racial justice in partnership with an alliance of 24 other Thriving Baptist Church congregations who will be taking this journey with us. If you think you might like to become a part of this team or have any questions, please email Julie Walker at [jbethwalker58@gmail.com](mailto:jbethwalker58@gmail.com).

## Special Zoom at Noon with Brian Kaylor

On Wednesday, March 24, Brain Kaylor will be our special guest for Zoom at Noon. Last August, Brian who is editor & president of Word&Way, associate director of Churchnet, and author of four books on religion, politics, and communication, joined us for a conversation about Christian Nationalism. As a reminder, 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. On January 6, when the assault on the capitol happened our conversation with Brian felt prophetic. Join us for Zoom at Noon as we discuss the assault on the Capitol and how it intersects with the disturbing movement known as Christian Nationalism.