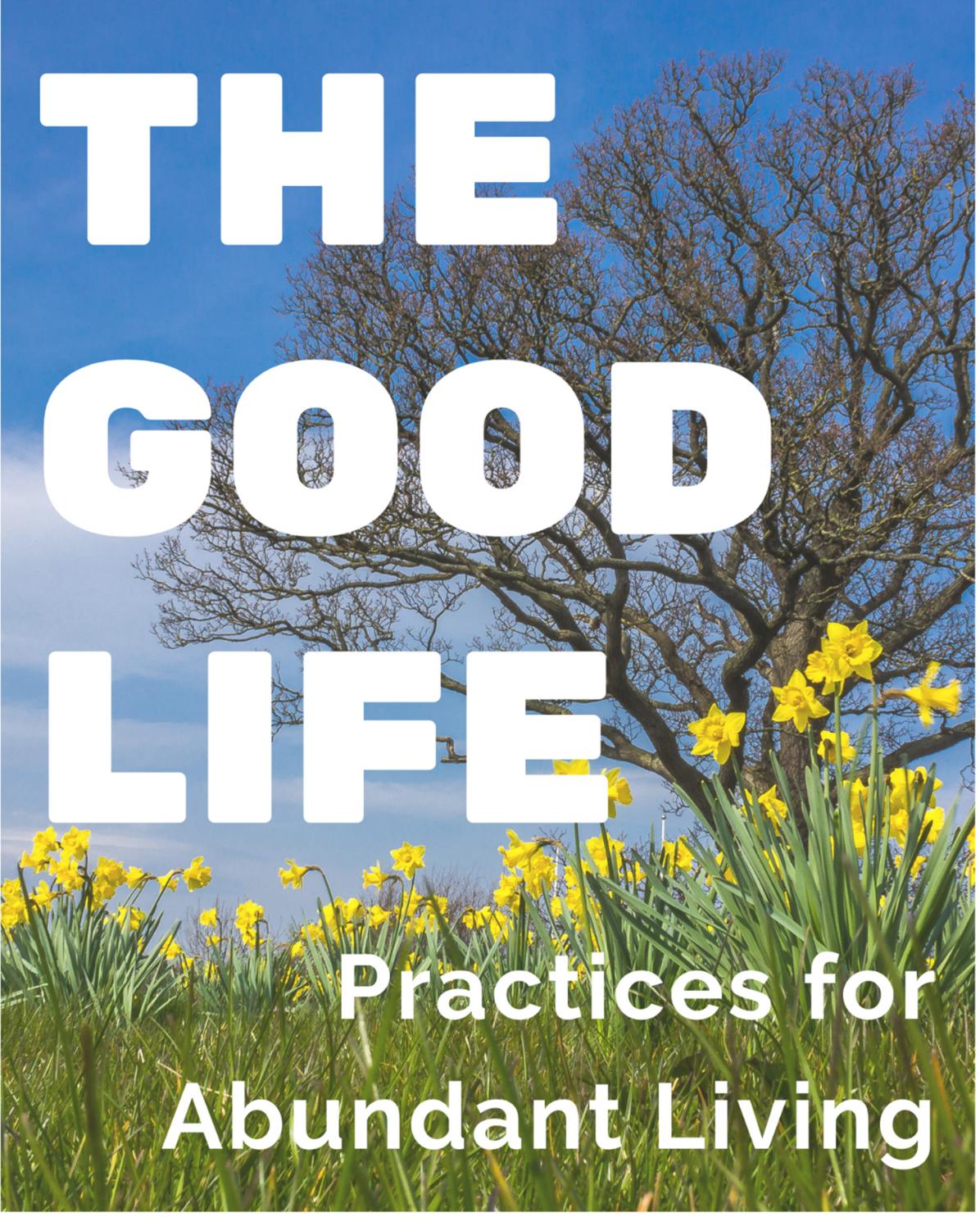


THE GOOD LIFE



Practices for
Abundant Living

Our Worship of God

April 25, 2021

9:15 am

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Opening Song

Indescribable

*From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming*

*Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

*Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom*

*Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God*

*All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

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You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
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Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

*Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God*

*You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God*

*You see the depths of our hearts
And You love us the same
You are amazing God*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:8-9, 15

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer (responsive)

O Divine Voice,

You sing and the universe comes into being;

O Divine Breath,

You breathe and all things spring to life;

O Divine Word,

You call and creation is sustained;

O Divine Flesh,

You are born among us,

and the Creator is clothed in creation;

O Divine Spirit,

You fill all that has been formed;

O Divine Life,

You are the pulse of all that is.

And so, in amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration
we marvel at this mystery:

In you all things live and move and have being,

In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry;

And so we join with creation

in the eternal song of worship and wonder...

Hallelujah. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light the Christ Candle in the Sanctuary, we invite you to light a candle in your place of worship as a reminder of God's presence who invites us to rest and reflect together.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Justice

Heal Our Land

*We long for You to move
Like only You can do
So humbly now we come
And mend what we've undone
We're offring rev'rent hearts
To be right where You are
Surrendered as we pray
Say what You wanna say*

*Let justice flow
Let mercy stand
Oh God come heal our land
Let justice flow
Let mercy stand
Oh God come heal our land*

*We can't ignore Your voice
It's drowning out the noise
We want to see Your face
And the fullness of Your grace
Our eyes are on You God
Come flood Your church with love
As we turn from wicked ways
Restoring all our days*

*Let justice flow
Let mercy stand
Oh God come heal our land
Let justice flow
Let mercy stand
Oh God come heal our land*

*Let justice flow
Let mercy stand
Oh God come heal our land
Let justice flow
Let mercy stand
Oh God come heal our land*

*Hallelujah Thine the glory
Hallelujah amen
Hallelujah Thine the glory
Revive us again*

*Hallelujah Thine the glory
Hallelujah amen*

*Hallelujah Thine the glory
Revive us again*

*Hallelujah Thine the glory
Hallelujah amen
Hallelujah Thine the glory
Revive us again*

*Revive us again
Oh God come heal our land*

*Let justice flow
Let mercy stand
Oh God come heal our land
Let justice flow
Let mercy stand
Oh God come heal our land*

Message

*Creation's Invitation to
an Abundant Life*

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Song of Reflection

Creation Calls

*I have felt the wind blow
Whispering Your name
I have seen Your tears fall
When I watch the rain*

*How could I say there is no God
When all around creation calls
A singing bird a mighty tree
The vast expanse of open sea*

*Gazing at a bird in flight
Soaring through the air*

*Lying down beneath the stars
I feel Your presence there*

*I love to stand at ocean's shore
And feel the thund'ring breakers roar
To walk through golden fields of grain
'Neath endless blue horizon's frame*

*List'ning to a river run
Watering the earth
The fragrance of a rose in bloom
A newborn's cry at birth*

*I believe
I believe
I believe*

Song of Response

Beautiful Things

*All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all*

*All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all*

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

*All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground*

*Out of chaos life is being found
In You*

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

*You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new*

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

Life of the Church

Sharing Our Gifts

Benediction (unison)

We are ordinary people, going about our lives,
Realizing that we are Beloved through and through,
Realizing that Heaven is available to us now,
Realizing that what we do here on earth matters,
Realizing that Christ's invitation is for us, too;
And stepping in - gratefully, joyfully, and with intention –
to this Kin-dom work.

Worship Notes

Opening Prayer, ~ posted on Third Space. <http://third-space.org.uk/>

Indescribable, CCLI Song # 4403076, Jesse Reeves | Laura Story

Heal Our Land, CCLI Song # 7156760, Andi Rozier | Josh Miller | Joshua Norwood | Mike Kopulos

Creation Calls, CCLI Song # 1346834, Brian Doerksen

Beautiful Things, CCLI Song # 5665521, Lisa Gungor | Michael Gungor

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 25

9:15 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
11:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn
1:00 pm First Baptist Hiking Club, meet at the MKT Trail Forum Blvd
2:00 pm Lawn Games on the front lawn

Tuesday, April 27

1:00 pm -3:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Parlor

Wednesday, April 28

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

Friday, April 30

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

Sunday, May 2

9:15 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
11:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn

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.

Childcare for Toddlers – Pre-K beginning Today

Beginning April 25, we are excited to announce that childcare will be available during the on-lawn service for toddlers through pre-k on the playground. Our Nursery Director, Bethany James, has been hard at work recruiting workers to ensure kids have a fun and safe experience. Children can be checked at 11:00 am at the playground entrance on the front lawn. We are thankful for Bethany's diligent work, and for spaces to safely gather outdoors for worship and play!

ForColumbia Signups Begin Today

ForColumbia is back and gearing up to serve our city on June 5, 2021. The leadership of ForColumbia knows that the pandemic is not over and that not everyone will have the chance or ability to be vaccinated by June 5. As such, ForColumbia will be designating sites by different colors designed to allow our volunteers to know the anticipated risks and expected COVID-19 awareness and sensitivity requirements before they sign up. Details for these zones are explained on the registration page found on the ForColumbia website, www.forcolumbia.com. For more info, please see the most recent newsletter.

Attention all Graduates, High School, College, and Beyond!

This has been an incredibly challenging year for all our students, but even more so for those seeking to graduate in 2021. First Baptist wants to recognize all our high school and college graduates that have faced this pandemic with resilience and tenacity. In an effort to honor your accomplishments, we are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church no later than Sunday, May 1, so it may be featured in the Spire (for high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school graduating from, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

We do not want to miss celebrating with any of our graduates, so please help us honor all those within our congregation by sending in this important information soon. More information on plans for our Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 16 will be mailed out soon to seniors and graduates.

Afternoon of Lawn Games

Today from 2-4 pm

This afternoon from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm we will gather on the front lawn of the church building for an afternoon of fun and games! With the weather warming up, people are longing for safe, enjoyable ways to gather. We will play some lawn games like ladder ball, volleyball, corn hole toss, and other such amusements.

Please bring a lawn chair and wear your mask. Remember, no handshakes, hugs, elbow bumps, or any form of physical touching, but laughter, conversation, and fun are encouraged.

First Baptist Hiking Club – Today at 1pm

Who is ready to explore the great outdoors with actual human connection? Well, we have an opportunity for you! Join Kimberly Moeller and Misty Phillips as they lead you through some awesome hiking trails both around Columbia and, at times, through other adventures in Missouri. We will spend time in the great outdoors together as we build a hiking community, get exercise, and provide healing from COVID. Nature is a great way to find peace and often a spiritual connection with others and God. We respectfully ask that masks be worn regardless of vaccination status.

Join us the 4th weekend of each month (rotating between Saturday and Sunday), beginning today at 1:00 pm at MKT Trail Forum Blvd. There is a parking lot at the Forum entrance. A calendar with hiking opportunities for the year will be forthcoming soon.

If you would like to join us or be on the email list for future hikes, please RSVP by email to Kimberly Moeller at knmoelle@gmail.com or Misty Phillips at mistyphillips2014@gmail.com.