



THE GOOD LIFE

Practices for
Abundant Living

Our Worship of God

May 2, 2021

9:15 am

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship

The words God speaks
**are the life and sustenance
of all that exists.**

The life Jesus gives
**is the re-creation and renewed birth
of all that is broken and worn.**

The Spirit's stirring in our souls
**is the inspiration
for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.**

Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God;
giver of abundant life,
may our whole lives be worship.
In all things, may we seek to connect with
and to reflect your love and your hope.

Opening Song

Abundantly More

*There is healing in the power of the Lord most high
There is courage in the shadow of His wings
There is peace unending over all my life
There is freedom that washes over me*

*I find all I need here in Your presence Lord
I open up my soul and You fill me up with
All I need here in Your presence Lord
Where blessings overflow
There's always abundantly more*

*There is rest in the goodness of the Lord my God
There is treasure in the kindness of my King
There is comfort in knowing Your unfailing love
My provider You set my spirit free*

*I find all I need here in Your presence Lord
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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

Hugh Emerson

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Creator God,
Everything around us reflects your majesty:
the wind that bends the trees,
the creatures that fill the air and land,
the great planets and stars that light up summer nights.
Wherever we turn, we see your Divine splendor.

On the hearts of people, you imprinted your image.

So, we, your children,
have fashioned reflections of you
with our creative gifts:
art and architecture,
music and literature,
poetry and photographs,
children's stories and drawings,
Bach fugues and carefully tended gardens,
and food lovingly prepared.

What avenues of creativity do you pursue that you would add to this list?

Silence for reflection

These are our offerings to each other
in your name---
our unique way of saying
you are here among us.

Let us create new songs of praise to you, our God.
Let us discover fresh ways of proclaiming
your greatness and glory.

Sharing Our Gifts

Song of Praise

Artist

*Day rolling into day
Time passes like a breath
Yet each moment new and fresh
You must be an artist*

*Spare no expense You paint
Etching the skies with grace
Cascading colors at sunset
You must be an artist*

*Catching my eyes with light
Calling me back to the wild
Dare me to live again
You must be an artist*

I see and I hear and I feel

*Compelled by my senses to praise
You must be an artist*

*Oh oh You must be an artist
Oh oh You must be an artist*

*Oh Author of every expression
Oh come and enjoy Your creation*

*Oh Author of every expression
Oh come and enjoy Your creation*

*I face the beauty I breathe You in
Breaking the boxes I put You in*

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Message

Create

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Preparation for Communion (responsive)

The earth is God's and everything in it,
**And God's glory covers the earth
as the waters over the sea.**

The trees of the field clap their hands,
the birds of the air sing songs of praise.
**And if we should fail to express our worship,
even the rocks and stones would cry out!**

And so, we lift up our hearts, and we lift up our voices.
And we offer thanksgiving and adoration to the Creator of all.

Blessed are you, Divine Artist,
for from seeds sown into the earth
you have crafted the gift of bread to feed and nourish us.
And at Jesus' last meal with his friends, before facing the cross,
He took bread, blessed it and broke it.

Then Jesus passed it among them saying:

**This is my body,
Take and eat, and do this to remember me.**

Blessed are you, Great Creator,
for from grapes which grow ripe and sweet on the vine, you have given us the
gift of juice to refresh and heal us.

And at Jesus' last meal with his friends before facing the cross,
he took the cup of wine and blessed it.

Then Jesus passed it among them saying:

**This is the cup of the new covenant,
Take and drink, and do this to remember me.**

**And now we come to your table again Jesus,
mindful of how you lived,
so that we and creation could be born anew;
mindful of how you took your life up again,
so that we and creation could be filled with the life abundant;
mindful that we cannot earn or purchase this privilege,
but that it is your grace which beckons us,
and your grace which ensures that all creation may be one and
whole.**

May your Spirit work in these fruits of earth,
so that they may become for us a sharing in Christ's body and blood.
May your Spirit work in we, who are children of earth,
so that we may be transformed into Christ's body,
carrying his life, his creativity, and his care to all creation. **Amen.**

Communion

Song of Response

All Belong Here

*When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes look all around
You aren't alone this is your home*

*Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here*

*When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes look all around
You aren't alone this is your home*

*Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here*

*At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace
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Life of the Church

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

Call to Worship, ~ posted on The Minor Keys. <http://theminorkeys.blogspot.ca/>

Abundantly More, CCLI Song # 7130471, Ethan Hulse | Heath Balltzglier | Matt Armstrong | Seth Condrey

Artist, CCLI Song # 7128474, Judah Earl | Justin Rizzo | Laura Hackett Park | Rachel Fa'agutu

All Belong Here, CCLI Song # 7112307, Hannah Rand | Lenora Rand

Litany, Adapted from Sharlande Sledge book Prayers and Litanies.

Communion Litany, Written by John van de Laar.

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Week at a Glance

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

Tuesday, May 4

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

Wednesday, May 5

- 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, May 7

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

Sunday, May 9

- 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

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

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 2, 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.

First Baptist Hiking Club

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. The next hike is Saturday, May 15 at 1pm at the Three Creeks Conservation Area.

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 mistya2014@gmail.com.