



What does it mean to be a  
**Progressive Christian?**

Reflections on  
Marcus Borg's book *Convictions*

**CONVICTIONS**

HOW I LEARNED WHAT MATTERS MOST

# *Our Worship of God*

*August 22, 2021*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prelude**

Come Down, O Love Divine  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*  
Ryan Iadanaza, *clarinet*

arr. Callahan

**† Call to Worship (responsive)**

We gather together  
in the name of the One who bids us come.

**We gather together to hear the words of the One who is Love.**

We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

**Come, let us worship!**

**† Opening Hymn 422**

O God of Every Nation

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

*At this time, we invite all those going to school to bring their backpacks  
and come forward for a conversation and blessing.*

**Prayer for the New School Year**

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Congregational Response:  
Loving God,  
**Hold us and our Prayers.**

**Scripture Reading**

Eli Marchbanks

**Matthew 5:38-44**

[Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise be to Christ.**

**Sharing of Our Gifts**

**Special Music**

In Christ Alone  
Becki Jones and Maribeth Jones, *vocals*  
Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

by Getty & Townend

*In Christ alone my hope is found;  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for every sin on him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I Live.*

*There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand.  
Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.*

**Message**

Carol McEntyre

## †Hymn of Commitment

Community of Christ

*Community of Christ, who makes the cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:  
the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race and every song.*

*Community of Christ, look past the church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.*

*Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound -  
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round:  
disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.*

*When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,  
the climate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;  
our currency be love and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.*

## New to the Pew Blessing

*At this time, we invite 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their adults  
to the front for a special blessing.*

**All: Welcome to the pews, dear ones, we are so glad you are here. Even before you could talk or listen, you belonged because you are loved by God. God wants you to be a part of God's big family! And we want you to be an important part of the First Baptist family. We commit to worship with you, learn from you, and pray for you, as you grow in wisdom and grace. May you feel God's love here.**

## Life of the Church

### †Benediction

### †Postlude

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus,  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Larson

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## Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship*, — The United Church of Canada/L'Église Unie du Canada Worship Service—  
Peace in Community, prepared by Miriam Spies.

*O God of Every Nation*, O God of Every Nation, Words: William W. Reid, Jr., 1958, alt. Music:  
Traditional Welsh melody, 19<sup>th</sup> C.

*Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*, Words: Margaret Cropper, c. 1926. Music:

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, August 22

*-Blessing of the Backpacks & New to the Pew Blessing during both services-*

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

12:30 pm Fall Kick-Off Carnival on the front lawn

## Tuesday, August 24

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

## Wednesday, August 25

6:30 Chancel Bells resume rehearsals

## Friday, August 27

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

5:00 pm Fellowship Adventurers Dinner in Clark, MO

## Sunday, August 29

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

2:00 pm Youth Semester Kick-Off in Fulton, MO

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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, you can fill out a visitor card at [fbc-columbia.org/guest](http://fbc-columbia.org/guest) or use this QR code.



## Extra Mile Transition House Workdays

Thanks to all who came through our tours on Sunday to pray for the ministry and work of the Extra Mile program. We have much to do before September 1 to prepare for our next resident. To join our efforts, click the Volunteer rotator on the church webpage at [www.fbc-columbia.org](http://www.fbc-columbia.org), and sign up to help with immediate projects (painting, deep cleaning, light maintenance) or sign up for one of our ongoing ministry teams (Hospitality, Cleaning, Maintenance, and Grounds). You can find out more about these individual teams on the sign up page. Work is beginning this week and we hope to start and finish all the painting between August 15-27 in preparation for our final cleaning and finishing touches to be done after church on August 29. You can also email Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) if you have any questions or want to pick a specific time to serve. Thanks for helping to make this ministry a success.

## First Baptist Fall Kick-off Fall Carnival – Today at 12:30

Our Fall Kick-off theme this year is an old-fashioned Carnival. Instead of having a potluck for Fall Kick-off, we are serving barbeque sandwiches and hot dogs, with chips and baked beans. The cost is \$5 for those who are able can pay full price and others are invited to pay what they can. We will be eating outside and will set up some extra tables to allow folks to spread out while eating. You can look forward to a selection of carnival games with prizes and photo opportunities. Or, if you'd like, simply sit and talk with old friends and make some new ones too.



## Join Chancel Bells

### *Wednesday Night Rehearsals Begin August 25*

Are you looking to join an amazing group of people? Do you have a desire to make beautiful music? Do you want to hit metal things with mallets to de-stress? Come and join the Chancel Bells where all of these things and more can be a reality! Handbells are a great way to express yourself musically and grow your musical talents. Don't know how to ring or even how to read music? Never fear, handbells are easy to learn and a great avenue for learning to read music.

Chancel Bells rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 25. Nursery care is available for those who need it. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield at [nhartsfield2010@gmail.com](mailto:nhartsfield2010@gmail.com).

## Youth Semester Kick-Off – August 29

We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm to travel to Fulton, MO to Bob and Gail Hoell's Adventure Land. There will be swimming, Pickle Ball, Rock Climbing, Trampoline fun, and more. Parents are invited to join us for the afternoon. We will eat dinner at 5:30 pm and wrap up around 6:30 pm so youth can get a good night's sleep for their first full week of school!

## New Sermon Series - September 12

### *The Psalms: Pursuing God in Mountains and Valleys*

The Psalms are often called the prayer book of the Bible. They are a beautiful collection of prayers, poetry and songs which show us how to engage with God through the mountains and valleys of life.

They contain the entire range of human emotions: despair, hope, joy, sorrow, anger, fear, thanksgiving and praise, expressed in prayer. They attest to all the feelings that arise in the ups and downs of life and they give voice to our desire and struggle to connect with God throughout life. The Psalms allow us to be honest before God. As Walter Brueggemann says, they encourage “candor about suffering and gratitude about hope.”

This fall, we will get the chance to explore the Psalms together. Beginning September 12, I will be preaching on the Psalms, and we will be engaging with them in worship through prayer experiences and music.

In addition, we are excited that Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford will be our Sheppard Lecture speaker during the adult small group hour at 10:15 am on Sundays. She has written several books about the Psalms and will lead us in a Bible study on the Psalms.

Dr. deClaissé-Walford is a professor of Old Testament at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, where she has taught for 22 years. She earned a bachelor’s degree in ancient history from California State University in Northridge, California; a master’s degree in Semitic languages and literature from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California; and a doctor of philosophy in Old Testament from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Dr. deClaissé-Walford is the author of *Reading from the Beginning: The Shaping of the Hebrew Psalter*; *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Textbook*; *The Book of Psalms: A Song from Ancient Israel*; and *The Book of Psalms: The International Commentary on the Old Testament*.

## Parents' Night Out – September 10 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Parents' Night Out is back and while the grownups are away, First Kids are having a Tie-Dye Party!

Caregivers are invited to step away for a few hours, while First Kids (4+) have a blast and make some crafts. Pizza will be provided as well as a T-shirt to tie-dye. Nursery care will also be available for those under 4.

**RSVP is required by September 5** in order to ensure that we have enough adult supervision and shirts. If there are any dietary restrictions, please let Brittany know upon registration.

## Convictions Book Discussion Sunday, Sept. 12 at 5:00 pm

If you took part in our Summer One Read and read Marcus Borg book *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most*, you are invited to gather at First Baptist, via Zoom on Sunday, September 12 at 5:00 pm for a discussion of the book with Pastor Carol McEntyre. If you plan to participate, please email Pastor Carol for the Zoom link.



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