Vorship is......

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Richard Foster





Our Worship of God

February 26, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ We Gather Together~

Meditation for Preparation

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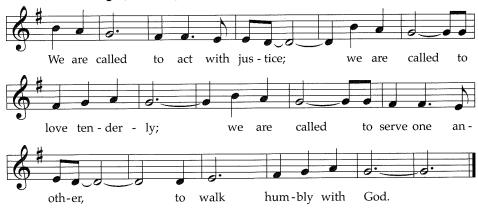
(Richard Foster)

Greeting Ed Rollins

History Moment Ken Hammann

Liz Kennedy Hank Steere

Invitation to Worship (unison)



Prelude

Haleluya Chancel Bells arr. Stults

Call to Worship (Unison)

Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers.

Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

†Processional Hymn

God Beyond Us, God Within Us Sung to NETTLETON

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

God beyond us, God within us, Holy God whose praise we sing: When You call to faith and service take our lives as offering. Time and culture, age and difference, add enrichment to the whole. Called and challenged, we Your people see a vision of Your goal.

In this time of changing patterns, new relationships, new hope, Send a rainbow full of promise with its focus, depth, and scope. In Your Word we find direction from the past, yet pressing on. Christ, the One led by the Spirit, bids us face a new day's dawn. Send us out to serve with justice so, forgiven and set free, We can act with joy and healing with Your Spirit's energy. Show us how to ease the suffering of our neighbors far and near. Teach us how to work as partners where the need may next appear.

Called to lively praise and witness where we live and work and play, May we offer love and learning, hope and nurture day by day. Help us listen to each other, our communion to increase, Giving substance, time, and talent to our dreams of faith and peace.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Holy, Perfect God, we admit that we put other things above you in our lives. We say we long for you, but we actually long for more money and more comfort.

We confess that we are openly rebellious against you. We are fallen, never to rise again unless you lift us up.

Lord, we have failed to worship you with our hearts. Our religious gatherings are hollow because our hearts are slaves to lesser things. We pay you a visit on Sunday, but we long to go home to our other gods.

Lord God, we confess that we break your heart. We gather before you half-heartedly, waiting to go back to worshipping ourselves.

When we truly worship you, we will seek good and not evil. We will hate evil and love good.

Lord God, have mercy. Renew our hearts within us. Make us long for you, our God. Amen.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

We Gather Together Testimony

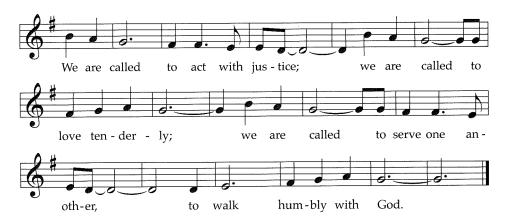
Jeremy Weingartner

Scripture Readings

Steve Potter

Amos 5:21-24

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.



Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Anthem

Lord, You Call Us (The congregation will be asked to join in singing stanzas 3 and 5.) Haugen/Burkhardt

Lord, You Call Us



Message

Carol McEntyre

Numbers 6:22-26

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites:

You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Matthew 28:17-20

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



†Offertory Prayer

In deep gratitude for all that You have done for us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to You – living sacrifices of worship and praise. Transform our hearts and minds from the inside out; show us what is good and pleasing in Your sight, so that we may be quick to recognize Your call, and quick to respond. In the name of Jesus, our Messiah and Lord, Amen.

Offertory

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

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† Benediction

Go in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ And the power of the Spirit to change your world for God's glory.

†Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 26

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion GroupConference Room4 pm Parent Meeting for First Kids CampHospitality Room

4-4:50 pm Children's Music Sanctuary
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study Youth Suite

Monday, February 27

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting Conference Room

Wednesday, March 1

6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade Youth Suite
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service Sanctuary
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Sunday, March 5

4-4:50 pm Children's Music 5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible StudySanctuary

Youth Suite

Announcements

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary at 6 pm on March 1st. The Sundays of Lent will focus on the theme of "Poured Out," examining the elements that show up in the story of the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion: oil, water, wine, blood, and tears.

Announcements

White Cross Work Session

A White Cross work session will be held on Thursday, March 2nd from 1-3 pm in the 2nd floor conference room. As part of ABC International Ministries, White Cross provides both funds and material goods to assist ministries in various countries. We will be rolling bandages needed by 10 hospitals in the Congo. In the past at First Baptist Church, this project has been done by the women's circle, but is now being opened for volunteers from the entire congregation.

Two New Sunday Small Group Opportunities

First Baptist will be hosting Financial Peace University, which walks you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, and planning for your financial future, in its Flex format starting on Sunday, March 5th. This format is designed to fit into a 55 minute Small Group class that will take place in the 10:15 hour between services. Class participants will watch the video lessons at home, and the Sunday morning session will consist of a brief video recap, discussion, and activities. This is a very convenient way for busy individuals and couples to take a life-changing class! Simply visit https://fpu.com/1038339 to register for the course. Contact Amanda Jacobs at amanda@jacobsrealty.com or Caryn McClanhan at caryn@jacobsrealty.com for more information.

On Sunday March 5, the Discussion Class, which meets in the Parlor on the second floor of the education building, is beginning a new series on the book *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. Each session will include a 10 minute video of the author discussing the saying from Jesus. Moving through each chapter, you will begin to understand and respond to Jesus' final words at the cross while learning about those who were eye witnesses to the crucifixion. In the final chapter, Hamilton moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection. Bob Russell will be leading the series.

Announcements

The Calling

Next Wednesday, Feb 22nd, the Calling, our mid-week student Bible study for 6th-12th grade, returns to its usual meeting time and place – 6:15-7:30 pm in the youth suite, on the 3rd floor of the Education Building.

Calling All Cooks!

If you would be willing to cook a meal for our weekly Sunday night College and Young Adult Bible Study one Sunday, please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org). We usually eat at 5:30pm each week and ask our chefs to stay, eat with us, and share a bit about yourselves. Our students love to meet new people and this is a fun way for them to get to know our congregation.

Worship Notes

The call to worship is based on Rom. 12:1-8, Mt. 16:13-20, and Ps. 124.

The hymn "God Beyond Us, God Within Us" was written by Jane Parker Huber and is found in her book Singing in Celebration, Westminster John Knox Press, Louiville, KY.

The prayer of confession, based on Amos 5, was written by members of the Sojourn Community Church in Louisville, KY in 2009 and posted on The Open Sourcebook website.

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The Offertory Prayer is based on Rom. 12:1-8.

The benediction is inspired by Amos 5.

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Today's Scripture reader is Steve Potter. Steve grew up in California MO, the son of a Baptist minister. He has degree in hospitality management and has always been in the food service industry. Steve says, "I got my passion for food from my grandmother and from helping her prepare meals; food seems to bring people together." No wonder he is serving as chair of the church's Host Team. Steve's hobbies include collecting cookbooks, antiques, old postcards, paper fans (such as those you used to see in church pews), British Royal commemoratives, and – of course – KC Royals baseball. He has been a member for 2 years, and loves his church and what it stands for.

My Notes:				



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

For Children During Worship:

1st_ 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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