



Discernment: Listening for
God's voice

Our Worship of God

August 20, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

“Discernment is a quality of attentiveness to God that is so intimate that over time we develop this intuitive sense of God’s heart and purpose in any given moment.”

(Ruth Haley Barton)

Prelude

Sabre Dance

Khachaturian

Pianists: Nelson, Peter Miyamoto, Ayako Tsuruta,
Natalia Bolshakovia, Colleen Ostercamp

Greeting

Michael McEntyre

O God, You Search Me

Ed Rollins

Call to Worship (responsive)

God is the source or spring of all love.

**“God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.” (1 John 4:16b)**

Any love “experience” is a reflection of God’s love.

**“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore
I have continued my faithfulness to you.” (Jeremiah 31:3b)**

People can be channels of the love of God.

**“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,
and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us...”
(Ephesians 5:1-2a)**

God is love. Any genuine love-experience is a God-experience.

**“This is my commandment, that you love one another
as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this...”**

(John 15:12-13a)

†Processional Hymn 558

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Bridger, South Dakota Mission Trip Report

Michael McEntyre

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

Psalm 139

Pote

Scripture Reading

Mark Thomas

Psalm 139:1-14

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Experiencing Love

Think of a time...

- ...when you were a child, and an adult showed you extraordinary love.
- ...when a friend showed you extraordinary love
- ...when a stranger showed you extraordinary love.

†Hymn 520

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Stanzas 1 and 3

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Thou are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Message

I Would Know Your Skinny Butt Anywhere

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment

O God, You Search Me



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with
known its mean - ing through and through. You are
search for shel - ter from your light. There is
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the
won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
mo - ment of life or death, you are.
pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Heavenly Sunlight

Recognition of Our Pastor's Fifth Anniversary

Khaki Westerfield

†Benediction

Postlude

Earth and All Stars

Week at a Glance

Monday, August 21

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 22

11:30 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, August 23

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Sunday, Aug 27

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

NOTE: Senior Yoga will not meet on August 21, 28, or September 4 but will return to normal schedule in the parlor on Sept. 11.

Worship Notes

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee WORDS: Henry Van Dyke, 1907. MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824.

Mark Thomas, today's scripture reader, is a Senior Director of Advancement for the University of Missouri in the areas of Graduate Education and Foundation Relations. He and Paula will celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary this coming October. "Being a part of the First Baptist Family is a wonderful experience. I'd like to give a 'shout out' to my Mom, Clare, who's visiting from Michigan, and thank all of you for sharing your love and blessings!"

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Announcements

New Worship Series: Discernment

Speaking to God is one thing; learning to listen is discernment. Today begins a sermon series on knowing God's will and hearing God's voice. Here are the themes for each week:

August 27	Paying Attention
Sept. 3	What God's Guidance Is Not
Sept 10	How God Speaks
Sept. 17	Practicing Discernment

Make Music with Us

If you love to praise God through song, please consider participating in the Traditional Service by joining the Chancel Choir, the Chancel Bells, or the Psalm Players Band. New voices, new ringers, and new instrumentalists are always welcome – there's a place for all! Rehearsal schedules are listed in Week-at-a-Glance. For more information contact Ed Rollins at 442-1149 or rollins@fbc-columbia.org.

Closed for eclipse

The church office is closed tomorrow, August 21st.

The Calling

The Calling is for students in 6th through 12th grades. Our kick-off is Wednesday, August 23rd. The group meets throughout the school year each Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:15 pm.

Fall Kick-Off

Next Sunday, August 27th, we will enjoy our annual Fall Kick-Off at 12:15 pm on the church lawn. We will enjoy a western theme with a barnyard bounce house, inflatable-horse races, roping competition, photo ops, and – as always – good food and fellowship! The church will provide chicken, beverages, and tableware. Please bring a side dish to share!

College and Young Adult Ministries

Our weekly college Bible Study resumes on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 5:30 pm. Watch for more details as the date approaches.

Webcasting for Awakening

Webcasting for Awakening: Several members of our church have been hard at work preparing the Fellowship Hall to be able to webcast the Awakening service each week. We are close to installing our system but we need help with some light carpentry work (building shelves and cutting down a desk) and with location placement for our cameras. Michael McEntyre will be leading a work day to kick start the process on August 24th after lunch (starting at 1:00 pm). We will address the carpentry work first, and the camera placement later in the day. If you would be willing to help, please contact Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org and let him know when you might be available to come.

Once our system is in place, the real work begins. We will need volunteers to help run the webcast each week, as well as someone to organize and oversee the volunteer schedule. The system itself is not complicated and you don't have to be an expert to serve, just willing to come to a bit of training. If you are interested, please contact the Pastor at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org to find out more.

Update Your Membership Data

As mentioned in the last Spire, we find that addresses, phone numbers, emails and family information change constantly. In addition, a recent computer crash resulted in the loss of changes made in the last several months. If you are a newer member, you may have been deleted entirely in the computer crash - for that we apologize! We love you and want to stay connected with you.

So how can you help? Here are several ways:

**During August, check the entrances to our worship spaces for a printed directory showing the information we have on file; find your name, and write any updates. (If you aren't on the list at all, please add yourself on one of the blank pages at the back.)

**Email your information to Janet at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

**Call the church office at 442-1149 Monday-Friday, 8-noon and 1-5 pm.



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.

The flowers are given by June Hoff.

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 (grades 6-12) and Adult Combined Small Groups meet in the Parlor on the second floor for a study of the Enneagram.

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