



Understanding the Cross

Our Worship of God

March 10, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

- The First Sunday of the Season of Lent – Atonement - “At-one-ment”

Greeting Ed Rollins

Prelude Shaker Variants arr. Borgo
Psalm Players

Call to Worship (responsive)

On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior
who loved us and gave himself for us.

Let us draw near in full assurance of God’s endless love and mercy.

**We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ
who carries our sorrows,
heals our wounds,
and redeems us from sin and death.**

Lenten Theme Interpretation Carol McEntyre

Anthem In Christ Alone Getty/Townend/arr. Nickel

*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.*

*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 pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.*

*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand.
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No one can pluck me from his hand.
In Christ alone I stand.*

(Additional verse not included in this arrangement:)

*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 the 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.*

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

My friends, it is written:

“All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”

Let us make our confession.

**We trust in our own works
rather than in God’s grace.**

Jesus calls each of us to take up our cross.

**Yet rather than allow our selfishness and sin to be put to death,
we cling to what we know.**

Jesus calls us to follow him.

**Yet we fear where faith will lead
and what it might change in our lives.**

In this moment of silence,
we confess the sin that separates us
from one another and from God.

silence for reflection & self-examination

Words of Assurance (responsive)

People of God, hear this good news.

God’s covenant with us is true.

God is faithful even when we fail.

Through the Holy Spirit,

God gives us the gift of faith and makes us righteous.

Believe in the good news

that you are set free to live as children of God.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

†Processional Hymn 505

Redeemed

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Sharing Our Stories

Noah Hartsfield

Prayers of the people and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Lisa Dobbs

Romans 3:21-26

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus Paid It All

Men's Ensemble

arr. Helvey

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 212

What Wondrous Love Is This

Moment of Reflection

Is there any failure, sin, or guilt that you want to release to Jesus today?

Offertory Sentence

†Benediction (responsive)

God, we are on a journey with you to the cross.
The word is almost too big.
We can't get our arms around it.
Its meaning staggers us.

**May we take seriously the meaning of your cross,
as we take up ours,
standing beside each other,
daring one another to take the risks you ask
so that together we can live out your mission in the world.**

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, written by Marlene Kropf, in "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross: Good Friday Service," posted on Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre website.
<http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca>

Confession & Promise of Forgiveness: Lent 2B, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>, Daniel Flucke.

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 10

4:00 pm First Kids Music

Parlor

5:30-7:00 pm College/Young Adult

Youth Suite

Monday, March 11

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff meeting

Library

5:30 pm Serving Team Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, March 12

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, March 13

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6-7:15 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Announcements

Lent Sermon Series – February 24

Did God Kill Jesus? Understanding the Cross

The sermon series Did God Kill Jesus? Understanding the Cross continues this Sunday. It is going to be a serious theological study of the cross and atonement (the process, by which we are reconciled to God). It is admittedly a heavy lift for a sermon series. So, in order to help you unpack this topic, we are offering two special small groups that will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:15. Even if you don't typically attend small group, I hope you will consider joining a group for this series.

Understanding the Cross

Facilitated by: *Henry Imler*

February 24-April 21

Sundays at 10:15 am

in the library

Understanding the Cross

Facilitated by: *Kim Siegenthaler*

March 17-April 21

Sundays at 10:15 am

in the parlor

A New Way to Give

We are excited to announce the addition of online giving for our church family. With this option, you will be able to:

- login into your giving account and track your donations for the year.
- set up recurring giving by setting the amount that you want to automatically give each month.
- make a one-time donation to the church or special offerings.
- and, coming soon, easily pay for church trips/events.

Combined Worship-March 24

11:15 am in the Sanctuary

On March 24, we will have combined worship at 11:15 am. Small groups and First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual at 10:15 am. There will be no 9:15 am worship service.

ForColumbia-First Baptist Church Projects

April 27

We are finalizing our projects with ForColumbia over the next few weeks, but we know that two of our big sites this year will be at Hickman High School and Benton Elementary School. We are excited to help invest in projects that will benefit so many in our community. There will also be a family friendly option to help make freezer meals for local ministries and First Baptist will once again serve as a Prayer Hub on the day of the event.

Sign-up begins March 11 online at www.forcolumbia.com/volunteer/. Look for more details soon and be sure to save the date on April 27 to help serve our Columbia family.

Models of Atonement

Christus Victor (Victory Model): When humanity sinned, we became captive to evil (such as sin, death or Satan). When Jesus died, it looked like evil won, but with the resurrection Jesus defeated the power of sin and death and evil.

Satisfaction (Payment Model): The Satisfaction or Payment Model of atonement has been the prominent view of atonement, in the western church, for the last 1,000 years. It says God is perfect-holy, without sin. But we are all sinners; we have all disobeyed God and broken God's commandments. Because God is holy, God can't simply ignore human sin. There are consequences/punishment. The punishment for disobeying God is separation from God through death/hell. But because God loves us, God provided a way for us to be rescued from sin and punishment. God sent his son Jesus to Earth. Jesus lived a perfect life and never sinned. Since Jesus never sinned, he did not deserve to die. He willingly chose to take our punishment and die in our place, as our substitute. If we understand that we are sinners and trust in Jesus to take away our sin, we will be saved.

Moral Influence Model: People are moved by the love of God displayed in Christ's self-giving death. Jesus' life and death is then a catalyst; the power of the Holy Spirit will transform human beings and the world.

Scapegoat Model: Jesus is a victim of human violence and sin. His death on the cross reveals humanity's propensity to violence and overcomes it by submitting to it.

Solidarity Model: Jesus died in solidarity with us, he underwent the ultimate consequences of living in a sinful world, in order to demonstrate the depths of God's love and God's desire to save us.



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 years old 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

Connections Group in the second floor library.

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