



WHAT GOD WANTS TO KNOW

Our Worship of God

May 19, 2024

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Pentecost ~

Welcome

Pastor Greg Hunt

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Culli

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Greg Hunt

As we gather together in this place,
let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.

We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.

We take our place in your unfolding creation.

Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us!

Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise!

Let us worship God.

† Processional Hymn 701

God Is Here!

Kids Moment

*Kids are invited to the front to join Pastor Brittany
for an intentional time of teaching and wonder.*

† Passing the Peace of Christ

† Song of Praise

Rest on Us

Litany for a New Way of Being

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

God, we know that in your community Love is paramount,
That your compassion and generosity know no bounds.
Here, the poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Those who seek you will rejoice.
All the ends of the earth are familiar with God's care.
We are all part of your family.

We know that your Way of Love will transform us, if we let it,
Inside and out.
The paradigms and pattern of our lives will shift
Out of ego, toward True Self;
Out of defensiveness, toward compassion;
Out of violence, toward peace.

And we look for these markers within ourselves -
Signs of our new way of being,
Confirmations of your Spirit's transformative work in us,
Fruits of goodness and love.

We seek wisdom,
We seek life.
We seek belonging;
And when we find them, we go on our way rejoicing.

Help us as we journey here,
Learning the lessons we must learn,
Growing our hearts in compassion and service,
Expanding our souls' connection with you
Practicing the skills of loving relationship,
Bringing ourselves gradually into greater alignment with Love.

Let us embody mercy, grace, peace, and forgiveness,
And let Heaven-on-Earth be our legacy. Amen.

Sharing of Our Gifts

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me *Chancel Choir*

arr. K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.*

Scripture Reading

Norma Fair

Exodus 4:1-5

Then Moses answered, “But look, they may not believe me or listen to me but say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you.’ ” The Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake, and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and seize it by the tail”—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— “so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

What Is That in Your Hand?

Pastor Greg Hunt

† Song of Response

Find Our Way to Love

Life of the Church

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Benediction

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Postlude

Awakening Praise Band

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Combined Worship

9:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult and Youth Small Groups &
First Kids Pentecost Party on the Front Lawn

Monday, May 20

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, May 22

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, May 23

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

Sunday, May 26

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, May 27

OFFICES CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday

Announcements

Visitors

If you are visiting, 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 connection card at the welcome table, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect.



First Kids Pentecost Party – Today, Sunday, May 19

Pentecost is here, and First Kids is celebrating with a PARTY! Children and their adults are invited to the front lawn following the 9:15 am Combined Worship for our Pentecost Party. We will hear the Pentecost Story, pray together, play games, and of course, eat cupcakes to honor the Church's birthday.

One Great Hour of Sharing: ABCUSA World Relief Month

In May, on behalf of the American Baptist World Relief Office, First Baptist will be collecting contributions for One Great Hour of Sharing. Based on Matthew 5:14, this year's theme is "Sharing the Light." Throughout May, you will see promotional materials in and around our bulletins, as well as hear about One Great Hour of Sharing during worship. We are excited to partner with you in sending God's light into the world.

First Baptist Game Night - Friday, May 31 at 6:00 pm

Calling all board game enthusiasts! Join us each month at 6:00 pm in the parlor for our Board Games Night. Whether you're a strategic mastermind or a casual player, this event is for you! Come and indulge in an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and memorable moments. Grab your favorite board game and challenge your friends to a thrilling match. From classic favorites to modern gems, there will be a wide variety of games available for all tastes and skill levels.

Special Adult Small Group Class – Enneagram

First Baptist will be offering an additional adult small group during the month of June! Beginning June 2nd, in the conference room (2nd floor) during the Spiritual Formation hour we will have a new class called, “You, the Hero: An Enneagram Journey.” Led by certified Enneagram coach David Jacobs, this discussion-based class offers a deep, insightful dive into the Enneagram model and its nine different personalities, and will help to give you a better understanding of who you are and, most importantly, who you can become - the Hero of your own life story.

Juneteenth Offering – Sunday, June 16

The Racial Justice and Inclusion Team asks you to consider prayerfully the opportunity to contribute to our Juneteenth offering on June 16th. During our Service of Truth-Telling, Lament, and Commitment on October 22, 2023, we committed to a yearly offering for racial reconciliation. During worship, you will hear how the RJI Team plans to use these funds in our church's continued commitment to Racial Justice initiatives and projects. We appreciate your help in furthering God's Kin-dom work.

First Baptist Church Picnic - June 23 at Bethel Park

On Sunday, June 23, First Baptist will gather for our Church Picnic at Bethel Park at 5:00 pm. All are invited for an afternoon of games, walking, food, and of course, the annual World Championship Egg Toss! Lee’s fried chicken, drinks, and place settings will be provided. We invite you to bring a vegetable, appetizer, or dessert to share.

Book Club & Disability Justice Panel – Monday, June 24

Join us in the parlor for a two-part event from 6:00-8:00 PM on disability justice in the Church. The first part will begin at **6:00 pm** and will include a Book Club discussion on *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request* by Dr. Amy Kenny. The second part of the event will begin at **7:00 pm** and include a disability justice panel comprised of disabled folx in and around our church. Please note that **the disability justice panel is for the entire church, including those who did not read *My Body is Not a Prayer Request***. We're looking forward to a fruitful discussion on ways our church can become more accessible to all who enter our place of worship!



First Baptist Church
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