



WHAT GOD WANTS TO KNOW

Our Worship of God

April 21, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Greg Hunt

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

arr. Raney

Carmen Ramirez and Carter Thiemann, *piano*
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Greg Hunt

Creator God, you call us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

For there are angels among us.

Loving God, you call us to give you glory
in the compassion we show to one another.

To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

We gather as one Body,
seeking to go forth in the way you have set for us.

**We gather as one Body,
to worship the one who is Love.**

†Hymn of Gathering 16

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Genesis 4:1-16

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.” Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out to the field.” And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” And the Lord said, “What have you done? Listen, your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.” Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Litany for Looking After Each Other

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

God, you are revising our ideas about family --

Broadening them;

Helping us to understand that our family
lives not only within the walls of our own homes,

But beyond them.

As Christ has taught us

We care for little ones.

As Christ has taught us

We care for the poor.

As Christ has taught us

We care for the sick.

As Christ has taught us

We care for the imprisoned.

As Christ has taught us

We care for the lonely and orphaned.

Help us to be compassionate listeners,

Compassionate do-ers,

Compassionate helpers,

Compassionate teachers.

And as we raise up the next generation

And live as an example for them,

Let generosity and kindness be our hallmarks.

Let them know us by our love.

Let our young ones know

that our arms are wide and our hearts are open

To them, and to all whom you love.

Amen.

Sharing of Our Gifts

Caleb Cooke

Anthem

Create in Me
Chancel Choir

by Terre Johnson

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit in me,
Cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy holy Spirit from me,
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

Message

Where Is Your Sibling?

Greg Hunt

†Hymn of Response 507

I Then Shall Live

Life of the Church

Greg Hunt

†Benediction

Greg Hunt

†Postlude

Concerto No. 2 in G Major
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Karl Osterland

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, ~ written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/>

Give to Our God Immortal Praise, Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, para. of Ps. 136. Music: John Hatton, 1793.

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Spirit of the Living God, Words: Daniel Iverson, vs. 1, 1926; Michael Baughen, vs. 2, 1978. Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926.

I Then Shall Live, Words: Gloria Gaither, 1981. Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 21

- 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
- 6:00 pm The Gathering in the College Ministry Room

Monday, April 22

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, April 24

- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

- 6:00 pm First Baptist Game Night in the Parlor

Saturday, April 27

- 9:00 am ForColumbia

Sunday, April 28

- 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
- 2:00 pm First Baptist Hiking Club at Grindstone Nature Area
- 6:00 pm The Gathering in the College Ministry Room

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.



New Combined Class during Spiritual Formation Hour

Join us in the parlor during the Spiritual Formation hour for our new combined class, “Reclaiming Paul: Embracing a Progressive Understanding.” Led by Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke, this class redefines and reclaims important concepts in Paul’s letters such as mission, justice, grace, love, participation in Christ, and more. Above all, Paul seeks to transform the body of Christ into a justice-oriented, Spirit-filled people whose unity in Christ transcends earthly divisions through inclusion, not omission; in other words, Paul preaches unity without uniformity. The class is discussion-based and a great opportunity to connect with folx you may not see very often.

ForColumbia 2024

The date is fast approaching for our participation in this year's ForColumbia initiative. ForColumbia was founded in 2015 to bring Christians together to freely share the love of God by serving our community side-by-side. They do this by organizing volunteers from churches throughout mid-Missouri to serve individuals, non-profit organizations, and other public venues in an annual city-wide day of service. ForColumbia will be April 27 from 9am to 2pm. If this is not your first time serving with us, note there are a couple of changes to this year’s ForColumbia. Rather than having two work slots, the day of service will go from 9am to 2pm. Childcare will be provided the entire time. <https://forcolumbia.com/>

First Baptist Game Night - Friday, April 26 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.

First Baptist Hiking Club - Sunday, April 28

Our next hike will be on Sunday, April 28 @ 2 pm at the Grindstone Nature Area. We will plan to hike the loop. This trail is relatively flat and is rated "easy," just under 2 miles. Plan to spend about an hour. The parking lot address is 2011 Old 63 S, Columbia, MO 65201. There are restrooms at the lot. Bring your own water. If you would like to be added to the hiking group Facebook page, please email Andrea Weingartner at FBChikinggroup@yahoo.com.

First Kids Tie Dye Party - May 4, 6:00 pm

The First Kids Tie Dye Party is back for another year of fun and color! Kids (and their adults!) are invited to join Pastor Brittany for an evening of tie-dyeing and games on the First Baptist Front Lawn, Saturday May 4th at 6pm. Registration is \$5.00 and includes a First Kids T-Shirt.



For more information, or to register, visit <https://fbc-columbia.org/ministries/kids/>

First Baptist Fellowship Table

Fellowship is at the heart of knowing and caring for ourselves and others. The Sunday morning “Fellowship Table” is a way to fill our tummies and hearts on Sundays and mix and mingle with each other. The table is located in the connector building and all are invited to stop by before making their way to small groups. Here are two things you can do to support this ministry:

SIGN-UP to host a future Fellowship Table. Sign up dates through June are posted on the bulletin board across from the table.

DONATE funds to help provide supplies for the Fellowship Table.

Contact Sherry Wyatt for questions: (573) 819-2380 or sherrywyattrn@gmail.com.



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