



**WHAT GOD WANTS TO KNOW**

# Our Worship of God

April 28, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

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Welcome

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

Prelude

**Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Keveren

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We have come to worship the living God,

**Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

We have come to praise the almighty God,

**Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt  
with the power of grace.**

We have come to worship the all-gracious God,

**Who chooses us to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.**

†Opening Hymn 2

Holy, Holy, Holy!

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Gary Ostercamp

**Isaiah 6:1-13**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.’  
Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears,  
and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes  
and listen with their ears  
and comprehend with their minds  
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said,  
“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;  
until the Lord sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.  
Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing  
when it is felled.”

(The holy seed is its stump.)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sharing of Our Gifts

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

### Anthem

**Here I Am, Lord** Schutte / arr. Schrader Johnson  
*Chancel Choir*

*I, the Lord of sea and the sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

#### *Refrain:*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them -- they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

## Litany for Guidance

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

God, when we find ourselves at a moment

**When a decision must be made,**

A direction must be chosen.

**We seek your light and your guidance.**

We desire to honor you in all that we do;

**In each breath we take,**

Every goal,

**Every action,**

Every thought,

**Every interaction.**

We acknowledge that our choices matter,

**But that you are Author, Creator, Beginner.**

We acknowledge our smallness

**And our potential.**

We acknowledge that we are connected to a great big world—

**Parts of a body.**

We acknowledge that acts of love reverberate

**To all the world.**

May all we do, and all we choose,

**Be done with love;**

That we may be, not a clanging cymbal or gong,

**But a beautiful music filling the earth.**

Help us to bravely step out onto the path of peace,

**Trusting in your help along the way. Amen.**

**Message**

*Who Will Go For Us?*

Pastor Greg Hunt

**†Hymn of Response 578**

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

**Life of the Church**

Pastor Greg Hunt

**†Benediction**

Pastor Greg Hunt

**†Postlude**

**Allegro**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by John Stanley

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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship*, ~ adapted from a post on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways Archive.  
<http://www.ucc.org/>

*Holy, Holy, Holy!* Words: Reginald Heber, 1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861.

*Litany for Guidance*, By Fran Pratt

*I Surrender All*, Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1852. Music: Leavitt's The Christian Lyre, 1830.

*Come, All Christians, Be Committed*, Words: Eva B. Lloyd, 1966, alt. Music: Traditional American Melody; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. James H. Wood, 1958.

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# Week at a Glance

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## 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

## Monday, April 29

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

## Tuesday, April 30

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

## Wednesday, May 1

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

## Thursday, May 2

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

## Saturday, May 4

- 6:00 pm First Kids Tie Dye Party

## Sunday, May 5 – Graduation Sunday

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- 6:00 pm The Gathering

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# Announcements

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## 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](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect).



## Combined Class during Spiritual Formation Hour

Join us in the parlor during the Spiritual Formation hour for our 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.

## First Baptist Hiking Club – This afternoon, 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](mailto: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-dying 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/>



## Graduation Sunday – May 5

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 5. Graduates will be recognized in both of our worship services and there will be a light brunch between the service in the Connector Hallway. We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church *no later than April 30* so it may be featured in the Spire. (For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school graduating from, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed to [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org). We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments so please help us honor all the graduates within our congregation by sending in this important information soon.

## 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](mailto:sherrywyattrn@gmail.com).*





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*Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation*  
*Rev. Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident*  
*Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship*  
*Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director*  
*Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist*  
*Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director*  
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