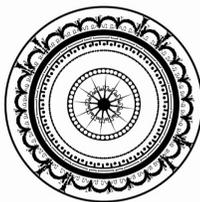


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 9, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Messe pour le Couvents, V.Dialogue* F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

Invocation Matt Lowdermilk

(Please read in unison.)

**O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.
Grant us a mind to meditate on you,
eyes to behold you,
ears to listen for your Word,
a heart to love you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn 353: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* JUBILEE

Passing of the Peace Emily Hull McGee

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. J. Rouse

Sanctuary Choir

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise His name! I'm fixed upon it: name of God's redeeming love. Hither to Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this place; and I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love: Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Prayer of Confession David Williamson

(Please read in unison.)

**Eternal and merciful God, Fount of every blessing,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember your lavish gift of grace
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Finish now thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.
Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

Leader: There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Hear this good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 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 forever. Amen.**

*All are invited to respond to God now in quiet or public ways. Our church
welcomes you to share a new desire to follow in the way of Jesus or to join
our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front of
the sanctuary and share your commitment with one of our ministers.*

1.Through the heart of ev - ery cit - y runs the flow of hu - man need.
2.Through the pass - ing gen - e - ra - tions, in their spir - it, flesh and bone,
3.Through our wor - ship and our wit - ness, Je - sus, grant that we may still

'Mid this glass and steel are puls - ing smol - dering wick and bruis - ed reed.
Je - sus Christ be - comes in - car - nate: ho - ly hearts are liv - ing stone
hear the heart - beat of com - pas - sion call - ing us to do your will.

Has our church a word to of - fer, some hope shin - ing from our creed?
build - ing here a house of re - fuge as a tem - ple, as a home.
You, our vine, and we, your branches, dead - ened not by an - y chill,

Walk - ing through the con - crete fur - rows Je - sus sows the Word as seed.
So with - in the cit - y's shad - ow Je - sus' plant - ed Word has grown.
work - ing for that fin - al cit - y where the har - vest is ful - filled.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Praise the Everlasting King* arr. L. Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing. Praise Him for His grace and favor to all people in distress. Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Father-like, He tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears He knows. In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Let us then adore Him, living God of love and grace! Earth and heaven bow down before Him; all who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Praise God from who all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Amen!

Opportunities for Ministry Amy McClure

Capital Campaign: "A Boundless Home: Building Beyond Walls" Leslie Lowdermilk and Emily Hull McGee

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Fanfares* C. Hampton

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

Acolytes for this service are David and Elizabeth Smith.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in recognition of God's wonderful gift of children and in memory of Walter Raphael Wiley, III by his parents, Walter and Florence Wiley.

OUR VISION, GOD'S VISION

A September Preaching Series

Inspired by God at work within our people, written by the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission, and unanimously affirmed by the congregation in March, our church's new vision statement tells a story about a people, a place, and a calling. For the Spirit has been at work among us, inviting us in this season of our common life to, in the words of Dr. William Sloane Coffin, "risk something big for something good." In so doing, we've taken our cue from Jesus, whose life and ministry capture his vision of a new day, a kingdom where God's dream for this world is made possible. Using our lectionary texts this month, we will explore our vision statement together in worship, letting the stories of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark inform our understanding of this vision for First Baptist's future that God has given us.

September 9

"We are a community in the heart of the city..."
Mark 7:24-37; Proverbs 1:20-21

September 23

"... to practice bold love of God and neighbor..."
Mark 9:30-37; Psalm 1

September 16

"... called by Jesus..."
Mark 8:27-38; James 2:1-10

September 30

"... and boundless compassion for all people."
Mark 9:38-50; James 5:13-20

CHURCHWIDE SOCIAL AT THE MCGEES NEXT WEEKEND

All in the beloved community of First on Fifth are invited for our 3rd annual churchwide social at the home of Josh, Emily, Liam, Annabelle, and Silas McGee! Together we'll ring in the fall and mark this memorable season in our church life of being 'under construction'! A build-your-own-taco bar will be provided, and all are invited to bring a finger-food side or dessert to go along with it. From longtime members to new members, please come on down to 990 Vernon Avenue for a night with your church family! You pick which night works best for you - Saturday, September 15, or Sunday, September 16 - and find a parking spot on any of the surrounding streets (Vernon, Kearns, or Dearborn). Looking forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY, September 9 Capital Campaign Kickoff

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 12:00 pm Deacons Theology Mini Retreat (Kelly Auditorium)
 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (Offsite)
 3:00 pm Javas with John (Offsite)

MONDAY, September 10

5:15 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Kelly Aud. Room D)
 5:30 pm House & Grounds Comm. Meeting (A-L Commons)

TUESDAY, September 11

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, September 12

12:00 pm Common Table with Pastor Emily (A-L Commons)
 3:00 pm Youth Commons Time (A-L Commons)
 4:00 pm Children & Youth Snack Time (A-L Commons)
 4:30 pm Children's (2nd-5th) Handbells (Music Suite)
 4:30 pm Youth Handbells (Sanctuary)
 5:00 pm Pre-K Music & Missions (Children's Loft)
 5:00 pm School-Age Music & Missions (Music Suite)
 5:30 pm First Impressions (A-L Commons)
 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal (Kelly Auditorium)
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, September 13

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, September 15

5:00 pm Churchwide Social at the McGees (Offsite)

SUNDAY, September 16

8:00 am Deacons' Meeting
 9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Joining Sunday
 5:00 pm Churchwide Social at the McGees (Offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Leslie Lowdermilk, Jerry Bennett
 Nursery: Babies-Ones .. Gayle Edwards, Kara Thompson
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Bob Edwards, Kevin Masten

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is televised live at 10:30am on Cable Channel 1312 and is streamed live from our website at firstonfifth.org. Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS IN THE COMMONS

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45am, Commons
 September 4 - November 20

Our Tuesday morning co-ed small group with Pastor David resumes this fall. We will begin the semester on September 4 with a six-week study of *A Gospel of Hope* by Walter Brueggemann. On October 16 we will transition to a study of *How to Pray*, a collection of essays and reflections by C.S. Lewis. For more information or to order a book, please contact David at 722-2558 ext 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

COMMON TABLE BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR EMILY

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, Commons
September 5 - November 14

Starting this fall, all are invited to take their lunch hour, bring a lunch and a healthy measure of curiosity, and share together in fellowship and Bible study around a 'common table' with Pastor Emily and one another. Gatherings will occur in the Ammons-Lolley Commons on Wednesdays at noon, and our time together will conclude each week no later than 1:00 pm to give folks time to get back to work or anything else that fills the day. After our meal together, we'll share in conversation about a particular scripture, walking through a passage verse by verse with attention given to its historical context, textual translation, theological significance, and meaning for our lives.

This fall, our Common Table Bible Study will focus on the New Testament letters of Galatians and Ephesians, listening closely for God's guidance in our time and place through these two letters written to churches amidst change and challenge. Themes of faith and freedom, interpretation of the law in light of the gospel, moving beyond barriers and difference to unity in Christ, and living a Christian life will serve as a counter-narrative to the divisive, highly-charged, and rancorous rhetoric in our world today. And yet, around a literal and metaphorical 'common table,' participants will share in the promises of God revealed through scripture as manna for their week. Come and take your seat!

FALL FILMS

We will explore the theme of "Bold Love and Boundless Compassion" this fall with three powerful films. The screenings will be followed by dialogue and discussion. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Show time is 7pm in Kelly Auditorium.

September 21: Brooklyn
 October 19: The Visitor
 November 16: Under the Same Moon

FIRST IMPRESSIONS, JOINING SUNDAY DATES

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in a condensed version of "First Impressions" on Wednesday, September 12, to learn more about life at First Baptist. Led by our pastoral staff and sponsored by our Outreach Ministry Team, First Impressions familiarizes newcomers with an in-depth look at First Baptist, including ways in which people can connect with one another, get involved in ministry, and join the church. This First Impressions gathering will be held at 5:30-7:30 pm in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by September 10 to Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

Our next "Joining Sunday" is planned for Sunday, September 16! We understand that uniting with a family of faith is an important step, and we like to make it a little less intimidating by inviting folks who are at this place in their journey to make that step together. For information on "First Impressions" or "Joining Sunday", please contact Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

JAVAS WITH JOHN

Sunday, September 9 - 3 pm

All youth are invited to Footnotes Coffee on 4th Street for our next Javas with John this afternoon at 3 pm. For more information, contact John Thornton at jthornton@firstonfifth.org.

MOCHAS WITH MAC

Sunday, September 9 - 3 pm

Calling all school-age kids! Our next Mochas with Mac is planned for this afternoon at 3 pm at the Starbucks on Harvey St. Our special guest will be Pastor Emily, so make sure to join us! Contact Amy McClure at amcclure@firstonfifth.org for details.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**Our vision**

We are a community in the heart of the city called by Jesus to practice bold love of God and neighbor and boundless compassion for all people

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