

WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Setting Your Space

As the season of Easter continues, we'll continue to look at ways of practicing resurrection in our daily lives. Today, along with congregations around the country, we're telling the stories of Safe Families for Children, an organization FBC partners with as it seeks to extend congregational supports to families in crisis (learn more at www.safe-families.org). For our gathering today, we'd invite you to think about who or what makes you feel *safe, nurtured, and loved*, and bring a symbol of that, or a photo of someone who has helped you feel that way, to add to your space this morning.

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Prelude

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Gathering Song: *Be Loved (Beloved)*

Be welcomed, enfolded, encircled, embraced; be cradled, included and held.

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Be loved, beloved, be loved. Be loved, beloved, be loved.

Be patient, forgiving, accepting, content; be quiet, receptive, and filled.

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Be genuine, honest, authentic, sincere; be generous, modest, and true.

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Be broken, be gentle, be tender, and mild; be merciful, humble, and kind.

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Be strengthened, emboldened, impassioned, inspired; be fervent, dynamic, and moved.

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Communal Prayer from Sarah Dylan Breuer

Loving Creator, we honor you, and we honor all that you have made. Renew the whole world in the image of your love. Give us what we need for today, and a hunger to see the whole world fed. Strengthen us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past; give us courage to follow your call in this moment. For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need, in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

Children's Story - A Family is a Family is a Family

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40

“At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left.

The ruler will say to those on the right, ‘Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.’

Then these just will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?’ The ruler will answer them, ‘The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.’”

Sermon - “Disruptive Generosity and Radical Hospitality”

Response Song: All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone:
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard,
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Prayers of Joy & Concern

Special Music

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

Thank our God for sisters, brothers, one by grace, in harmony,
Joining heart to heart with others, making strong community.
With the cross of Christ our standard, let us sing as with one voice,
Glory, glory, yours the promise: we who are the church rejoice.

Praise to God for congregations, keeping faith with Christ as guide;
Many tongues of many nations, song and service unified.
Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol when our song is raised as one.
Glory, glory, yours the power, as in heaven your will is done.

Holy is your name forever! Heal divisions that remain;
Bless the church's new endeavors; make our witness one again.
One in Christ and in Christ's gospel, make us one we now implore.
Glory, glory, yours the glory, then and now and evermore.

Benediction

One: ...may the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

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Meeting ID: 920 3687 4254

Password: 725899

To join the Children's Chapel Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/956078254>

To join the 11:30 am & 12n Safe Families for Children live stream event:

<https://vimeo.com/410631739> - Be sure to respond 'Going' to the [event page](#).