

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude George Frideric Handel
"Larghetto from Concerto No. 1"

The Trinity Chimes
Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship."

The Call to Worship (responsive) Psalm 130
LEADER: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
PEOPLE: **Lord, hear my voice!**
LEADER: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
PEOPLE: **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**
LEADER: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
PEOPLE: **I wait for you, my soul waits, and in your word I hope.**
LEADER: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
PEOPLE: **more than those who watch for the morning.**
LEADER: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.
PEOPLE: **It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

The Invocation Trey Davis

*The Hymn of Praise, 130 AZMON
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CONFESSIOIN AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession (unison)†

(text omitted)

The Silent Confession

The Words of Assurance

The Act of Praise, 472 "Grace Greater than Our Sin" MOODY
(The congregation is invited to sing the refrain only of Hymn 472.)

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)
Gracious and loving God, you know us through and through. Speak to us in the Word read and proclaimed, that in the shelter of your love we may find the courage to face the parched places in our lives and find life in your spring of living water. Amen.

The Hebrew Bible Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p. 704)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 8:6-11 (p. 919)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 11:1-45 (p. 873)
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*The Hymn of Devotion, 285 NETTLETON
"For Your Gift of God the Spirit"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"Something We Cannot Do for Ourselves"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship
If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself during the singing of the Hymn of Discipleship. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to reflect upon their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

*The Hymn of Discipleship, 584 ADELAIDE
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

*The Offertory Prayer Marchelle Flowers

The Offertory Anthem arr. Mack Wilberg
"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"
(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 558.)

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings 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.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

*The Chimes
Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you go, remember, "you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people."

*The Postlude "Voluntary in E Minor" John Stanley

*The congregation may stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. M. Burke Koonce, Calvin B. Koonce and Marvin B. Koonce by Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Bell III and Mr. and Mrs. C. Battle Koonce Jr.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Zach and Jacob Poteat.

GOSPEL READERS are Blair Jackson, Mallory Underwood, Becky and Sam Lytle.

DEACON ON CALL is Marchelle Flowers. A 42-year member, Marchelle serves as a teacher for Grade 3 Sunday School Class and as the Social Committee Chair. She is a member of the Sanctuary Choir. Marchelle is married to Greg Flowers.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent, the last Sunday before Holy Week. As we draw nearer the cross, the texts foreshadow the coming realities of death and resurrection with Ezekiel's vision of God breathing life into dry bones and Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life. The hymns echo these themes of death and rebirth, emptiness and renewal, God's gifts of the Spirit and new life in Christ. The sermon, which is rooted in the vision of Ezekiel but references the other texts as well, explores things we cannot do for ourselves and thus ways we are utterly dependent upon God, like the nation of Israel in exile and Lazarus buried in a tomb. In this season of penitence and reflection, we continue to set aside time for confession and assurance, the choir sings an anthem which proclaims the greatness of the love we know in Christ, and we hear a lengthy Gospel story in four voices. We respond to our hearing of God's word with gratitude for the many ways in which God provides for our needs, gratitude that is expressed through joyful songs, generous gifts, and faithful service.

THOSE WHO ARE VISITING are invited to the Gathering Room after worship to receive information about the church. Use the door to the left of the pulpit; church members will greet you.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the Gathering Room. An usher can provide a device for you.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in celebration of the March 27 birth of **Celestia Louise Dickens** to Kent and Rachael Dickens.

AN OFFERING for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: We have received \$22,095 exceeding our goal of \$22,000. Thank you for your generosity!

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: *Common Study Text – The Binding of Isaac/Ishmael*. Dr. Chapman leads a discussion comparing the perspective presented by Rabbi Solomon, Dr. Staples and Chaplain Kaya. Everyone is invited to bring your observations and questions to the conversation. We will also discuss potential next steps in developing interfaith relationships.

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org), by email (jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu: Yogurt Marinated Chicken and creamy Greek Sauce, Assorted Fresh Veggies with Humus, Israeli Couscous Salad, Pita Bread, Chopped Salad with Feta and Fresh Mint, and Baklava.

EASTER GIFTS in honor or memory of a loved one are being received through **tomorrow**. With your gift of \$10 or more an acknowledgement will be printed in an insert on Easter Sunday. Use the form in SS boxes or *First Foundations*.

THE CLOTHING MINISTRY will be closed on Wednesday, April 12, and Thursday, April 13, in accordance with our policy to close when Wake County Schools are closed.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE will be held on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will be held on Sunday, April 16, at 6:30 a.m. at the eastern portico of the Capitol. Join the downtown Raleigh community as we celebrate Christ's resurrection.

FREE YOGA CLASS will be offered at FBC on Thursdays, April 20 through May 25, from noon until 1:00 p.m. The 6-week class, led by certified yoga instructors, is open to the community. Please bring your mat and water bottle and a friend.

HELP NEEDED: Baseboard scrapers and painters needed! On April 8, we hope to remedy the peeling paint on the baseboards of three classrooms in the preschool suite. Jerry Dudeck and Charles Petty are spearheading our work group and need about four to six extra sets of hands (with scrapers or paintbrushes in them!). Please contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) if you can help. Work will begin by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8.

Calendar Highlights • April 2–April 9, 2017

Sun, April 2	<i>Rock 'n' Roll Marathon</i>
9:00	Discipleship Committee (CR)
9:45	Sunday School SS Leaders' Meeting (318)
11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (FH)
Mon, April 3	
9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
Tues, April 4	
7:30	Men's Bible Study (Metro Productions)
10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
6:30	High School Bible Study (Yexas' home)
7:45	Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park #2)
Wed, April 5	
10:00	Clothing Ministry open
3:45	Works in Progress (P)
4:30	Children's Bells (307)
5:00	Meal Served (FH) WMU Group 6 (108)
5:45	Announcements and Prayer Time Missions and Music Evening Bells (307) Backpack Buddies packing (301) Common Grounds (110)
6:15	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, April 6	
7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00	Library Committee (L)
1:00	Clothing Ministry open
3:00	Backpack Buddies delivery
6:45	Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park #2)
Fri, April 7	
10:00	Japanese American Cultural Exchange (Trolley Tour)
Sat, April 8	
10:00	Egg Hunt (Facilities Management Courtyard)
7:30	<i>The Royale</i> (Burning Coal Theatre)
Sun, April 9	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)

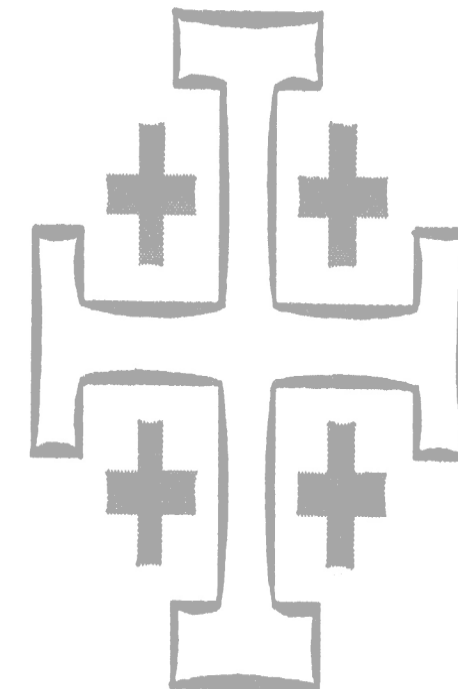
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