

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2017 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” Johann Gottfried Walther  
“Abide, O Dearest Jesus” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise, to the Lord, all the earth.

PEOPLE: **Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.**

LEADER: Know that the Lord is God.

PEOPLE: **It is God who has made us, to whom we belong; we are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

LEADER: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise.

PEOPLE: **Give thanks and bless God’s name.**

LEADER: For the Lord is good;

PEOPLE: **God’s steadfast love endures forever, God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

The Invocation

Lin Carter

\*The Hymn of Praise, 60

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Genesis 18:1-15 (p. 12)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Romans 5:1-8 (p. 917)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

The Gospel

Matthew 9:35 –10:8 (p. 790)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 363 “God of the Ages”

BUNESSAN

The Sermon

“Go Ahead and Laugh” Christopher Chapman

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, 636

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

“If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Myra Brickell

The Offertory Anthem

“Here I Am, Lord”

arr. Jack Schrader

\*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 Commissioning of Youth Mission Teams (responsive)

LEADER: Genuine faith is revealed in acts of service and love, a willingness to be vulnerable and participate in God’s work of healing wherever there is brokenness. This week 56 of our youth and 10 chaperones will travel to Charlotte and New York to reveal this kind of faith.

PEOPLE:

**We pray God’s blessings upon our sisters and brothers. May they go in the power of God’s Spirit, may the people among whom they serve see Jesus in them, and may they discover something new about God’s purpose in their lives.**

LEADER:

Not all of us will go on this journey but those who do represent not only Jesus but this community as well. They serve as an extension of this church family.

PEOPLE:

**Therefore we pray for their work and witness, for the relationships they will build, for the ways in which our extended family will be enlarged and enriched.**

LEADER:

May those who go realize that you are not alone on this journey. God is with you and so are we. May you also recognize your true identity as God’s hands and feet.

MISSIONARIES:

***In the words of Mother Teresa, we will be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in our faces, kindness in our eyes, kindness in our smiles, kindness in our warm greetings. In places of great need we will be the light of God’s kindness. To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, we will always give a happy smile. We will give not only our care, but also our hearts.***

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

“Fugue from Second Sonata” Felix Mendelssohn

\*The congregation may stand.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in honor of Don and Lou Kline’s 60th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Cameron and Peyton Creekmore.

DEACON ON CALL is Myra Brickell. A 30-year member, Myra serves as Church Treasurer and as chair of the Wedding Committee. She is a member of the Scholarship Committee, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Pathfinders Class. Myra and her husband Sterling have one daughter, Jessica Helms, and one grandson, Asher.

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.

**ABOUT OUR WORSHIP:** Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is often called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. The liturgical color for this season is green, a symbol of growth for individuals and the church as a community. Today ministers wear new green stoles for the first time, stoles made from materials contributed by church members and assembled by church members, as guided by Mary Hauser and Holly Ivel. The Ordinary Time Green Stole Project grew out of a conversation Mary Hauser had with Mary Alice Seals at a Worship and Music Conference at Montreat last summer. It has blossomed into wonderful stoles which not only fit the liturgical season in a visually attractive way, but reflect the richness of our diverse community and provide a symbol of the worship we offer to God. As each stole is made up of various shades of green with a diversity of textures given by different church members and connected to an array of stories, the worship we offer to God comes from our varied voices and diverse textures of life, reflecting our unique experience with God while being bound together by our common experience with Christ. Feel free to approach a minister before or after worship and find your piece in the larger fabric of the stoles as well as the pieces others have contributed.

In this season of growth, we consider many dimensions of Christian experience, as they are addressed in biblical texts. Today's service centers on the reading from Genesis, a story in which Sarah laughs at the very idea that she will give birth to a child at the age of ninety. Her experience and Abraham's provide space to reflect upon the place of laughter and comedy (in the classical sense) in life and faith. The news Sarah overhears is funny, yet the promise is fulfilled. Thus, there is cause not just for laughter, but deep-down rejoicing at what God is able to accomplish. The story frees us to laugh in many different places of life and it provokes us to consider the ways God is working to achieve the laughable in our lives and world, such that we are moved to rejoice at a deeper level of our being. We sing hymns that express our trust in the God for whom all things are possible, hear an anthem which reminds us of our calling to serve this God, and commission youth who will serve on a mission trip this week.

**HECK-JONES OFFERING:** As of June 11, we have received \$6,846 towards our goal of \$10,000.

**BE IN PRAYER** for 56 of our youth and 10 chaperones as they travel to Charlotte today and to New York tomorrow. Middle School students return on Saturday; High School students return next Monday.

**FAMILY PROMISE** (formerly Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network) families will be hosted by First Baptist June 25–July 1. To volunteer, contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net).

**COLLEGE GRADUATES:** Do you know of FBC members who received a degree this spring? Contact Denise Arnold (919-832-4485, ext. 200, or darnold@fbcraleigh.org) by June 22.

**SUMMER SOCIAL:** On Sunday, July 9, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Game Night with an evening of food and fun. Save the date and look for more details soon!

**MISSION TRIP** to Helena, Arkansas, will be July 17–21. Donations of gently-used towels and spray-on sunscreen are being collected. Contact Dan Roberts (danrobts@gmail.com).

### Calendar Highlights June 18 ☼ June 25

Sun, June 18 *Father's Day*  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)  
MS Mission Team to Charlotte  
(return 6/24)

Mon, June 19  
HS Mission Team to New York  
(return 6/26)

Tues, June 20  
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)  
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)

Wed, June 21  
10:00 Clothing Ministry open  
5:45 ITC Board (108)

Thu, June 22  
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)  
11:00 Library Committee (L)  
1:00 Clothing Ministry open

Sun, June 25  
Family Promise (through 7/1)  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship, Baptism (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)  
5:30 MS Youth Group (Bojangles' and Blue Ridge Theatre)

► **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 2, at 9:45 a.m.

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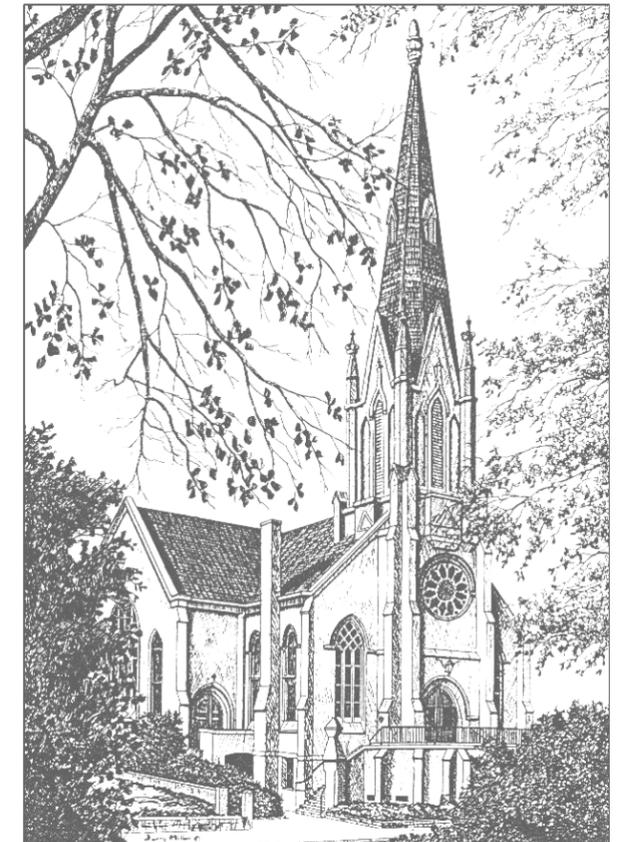
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