

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Flor Peeters
"Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters"
"The Strife Is O'er"

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)1 Lynn Lingafelt

(text omitted)

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 234 EASTER HYMN
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)
God of all words, God of deep stillness, you commune with us through the Word of Scripture, the Word proclaimed in preaching, in music and prayer, in jubilation and lament. May we hear your voice in this living Word, and open our hearts to give you thanks and praise. Amen.

The First Reading Acts 10:34-43 (p. 895)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 (p. 957)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 20:1-18 (p. 882)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: Praise be to you, O Christ.

*The Hymn of Devotion, 251 "Thine Is the Glory" MACCABEUS

The Sermon "Why Are We Here Today?" Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Affirmation of Faith (responsive)2

(text omitted)

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, 92 DIADEMATA
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*The Offertory Prayer Nancy Phillips

The Offertory Anthem Paul Sjolund
"O Sons and Daughters of the King"3

(text omitted)

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia. Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 Alexandre Guilmant
"Final from First Sonata in D Minor"

*The congregation may stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Bill Loomis to the glory of God on this Resurrection Sunday and to celebrate the beauty and blessing of the 20th anniversary of his marriage to Lynn.

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 Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and all that this sacred event implies, the victory of life over death, love over fear, hope over despair. Thus, we sing hymns which celebrate the hope of eternal life, we lift up prayers of gratitude for the gift of salvation, and we share in liturgy that expresses the depth of our faith. The sermon, rooted in the reading from John 20, addresses the question of why the Easter story attracts so much attention and thus most churches are full on this day. Is it a matter of tradition? Is it because we believe so profoundly? Or is it because we are yearning for something to convince us that it might be true? No matter why we come, we follow the biblical characters on a journey from sadness to joy, and then we seek to respond to the good news with lives defined by hope. The offertory anthem sends us forth with songs of joy resounding in our hearts.

SYMPATHY to **Cindy DeFoor** on the April 5 death of her father, Walter James Moorhead of Garner.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Matt Tyndall and Claire Willmschen.

DEACON ON CALL is Nancy Moore Phillips. A life-long member, Nancy serves on the Denominational Relations Committee and as a teacher for the Brewer Johnson Class. She is the Greeters and Ushers Committee Chair, the Elementary Age Missions Director, and is Co-chair of the Funeral Committee. Nancy is also a Homebound Ministry Visitor and a member of the Sanctuary Choir and Pathfinders Sunday School class. She is married to Bobby Phillips and has two stepsons.

APRIL MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting disposable diapers (sizes newborn through size 6), pull ups, and sensitive skin baby wipes for the Clothing Ministry. Please deliver items to the marked drawer in the Lewis Building Lobby. Contact Catharine Dudeck (919-608-4353) for questions or pick up assistance.

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section, by email (jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls and Butter, and Dessert.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: *Habitat for Humanity*. Rick Beech, Vice President for Faith Relations at Habitat of Wake County, will share the latest on all the good work Habitat is doing in the area.

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.

TOUCHING RALEIGH WITH LOVE: We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 29, at 8:30 a.m. to begin a day of giving back. Help us spread Christ's love throughout Raleigh by volunteering with Stop Hunger Now/Rise Against Hunger, in our Clothing Ministry, with Habitat for Humanity, or by bringing baked goods and delivering to local law enforcement officials and firefighters. We also are participating in the Interfaith Habitat for Humanity Build. We need three volunteers on April 22, five to ten volunteers on April 29 (TRWL Day), five volunteers on May 27, and five to ten volunteers on June 10. Contact Ryan Willis (gryanwillis@gmail.com) to sign up.

5TH SUNDAY VESPERS SERVICE, featuring local band, the Stanley Baird Group, will be held on April 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER: A favorite cookbook, published by youth parents in 1997, has been reprinted and will be available for purchase on Wednesdays and Sundays in the Lewis Building Lobby. All proceeds will benefit the Day Mission Fund.

SILENT AUCTION: The auction to benefit student mission teams begins on Wednesday, May 3, and will conclude at the Music Celebration on Sunday, May 7. If you would like to make a donation of local restaurant gift cards, vacation home rental, tickets for sporting events, plays and concerts or a service such as yard work, specialty desserts, etc. please contact Trey Davis (tdavis@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 208).

Calendar Highlights † April 16–23, 2017

Sun, April 16	<i>Easter</i>
6:30	Sunrise Service (Capitol)
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
Mon, April 17	
9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
5:45	Finance Sub-group (CR)
7:00	Third Monday Meeting (Lucky Tree, Hillsborough St.)
Tues, April 18	
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)
8:45	Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park)
Wed, April 19	
10:00	Clothing Ministry open
3:45	Works in Progress (P)
4:30	Children's Bells (307)
5:00	Meal Served (FH)
5:45	Announcements and Prayer Time Missions and Music Evening Bells (307) Backpack Buddies Packing (301) Common Grounds (110) Centerpoint Seminar (FH) Sanctuary Choir (310)
6:15	
7:30	
Thu, April 20	
7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00	Library Committee (L)
12:00	Yoga Class (302)
1:00	Clothing Ministry open
3:00	Backpack Buddies delivery
8:45	Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park)
Fri, April 21	
10:00	Japanese American Cultural Exchange (302) Churchwide Retreat to Caswell (return 4/23)
Sun, April 23	
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)

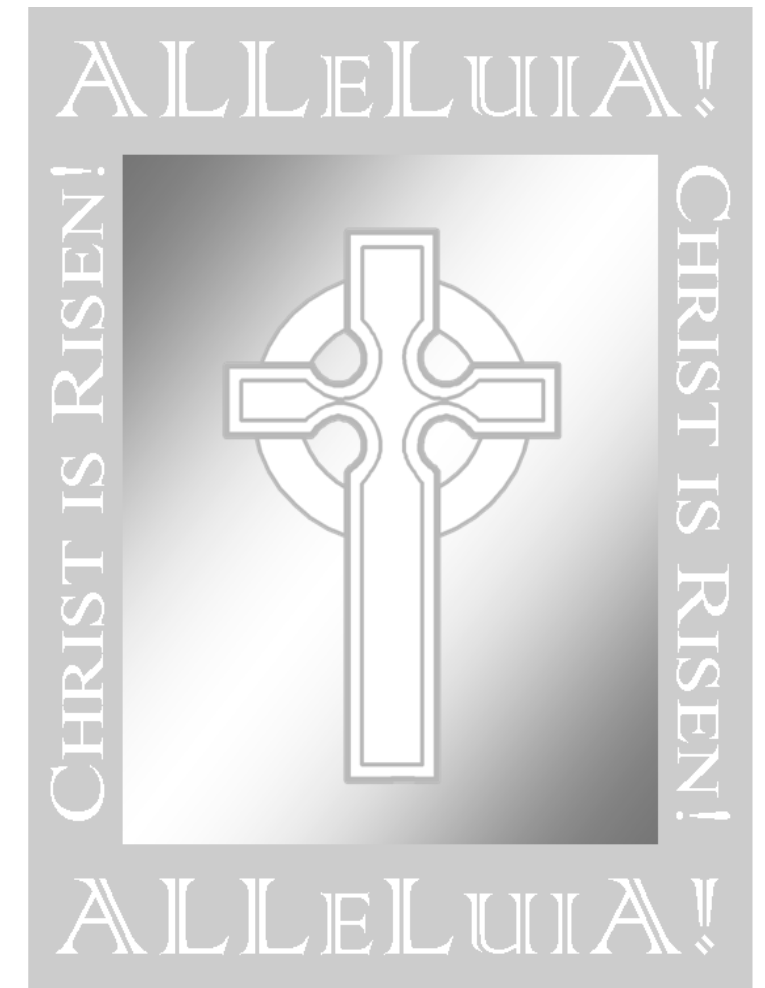
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