

## THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2017

Eleven O'clock

#### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "O Mortal, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall" J.S. Bach  
Danny Thomerson, guest organist

#### 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) from Psalm 85

LEADER: Let me hear what God will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

PEOPLE: **Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord so that God's glory may dwell in our land.**

LEADER: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

PEOPLE: **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

LEADER: The Lord will give what is good and our land will yield its increase.

PEOPLE: **Righteousness will go before the Lord and will make a path for God's steps.**

The Invocation Lin Carter

\*The Hymn of Praise, 49 AMSTERDAM  
"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

The Greeting of Worshipers

#### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (p. 30)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 10:5-15 (p. 921)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 14:22-33 (p. 796)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 618 DIADEMATA  
"Give to the Winds Your Fears"

\*The Offertory Prayer Robbie Puckett

The Offertory Anthem "Precious Lord" arr. Arnold Sevier  
(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 638.)

\*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.**

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"Where Is God in This Story?"

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

#### 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, 634 CWM RHONDDA  
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#### 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 "Toccatina on Psalm 150:4" Douglas E. Wagner

\*The congregation may stand.

MANY THANKS to Danny Thomerson for playing in the absence of Donna Jolly.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Jerry H. Stevens and Rolin Ashton Stevens by Berti Stevens and family.

DEACON ON CALL is Robbie Puckett. A 34-year member, Robbie serves as the leader of WMU Group Seven and co-chair of the Funeral Committee. She is a member of the John Hiott Fellowship Sunday School class. Robbie has two daughters and four grandchildren.

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

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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what we call Ordinary Time, the time between Pentecost and The Reign of Christ Sunday which concludes the Christian Year. We continue with readings from Genesis, Romans, and Matthew; readings about the Hebrew Patriarchs and Matriarchs, the nature of Christian faith, and the life and ministry of Jesus. While our hymns and anthem relate to all of these texts, the sermon is based on the reading from Genesis 37, the familiar story wherein Joseph is nearly killed, then thrown in a pit, and ultimately sold into slavery, all by his own brothers. Where is God in the midst of this story of sibling rivalry and family violence? Where is God in the midst of our similarly messy lives and troubled world? The sermon explores these questions and then, whatever we conclude, we celebrate communion and discover one place God is present, in the meal we share with one another and all the faithful of every time and place. We respond to our renewed awareness of God's presence and love with gratitude and service and we depart to give witness to the many ways God is at work in the world today.

SYMPATHY to **Brenda Snead** on the August 4 death of her husband, **Elmore Snead**.

AUGUST MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting snacks for children in three local elementary schools who are unable to bring snacks from home. Suggested items are applesauce squeeze packs, fruit bars, granola bars, cheese crackers, pretzels and popcorn, all individually packaged. Place your donations in the marked drawer of the Lewis Building Lobby cabinet. Contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com).

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING TRIP: On Monday, August 21, at 8:00 a.m. we will meet at the church to drive to South Carolina to get a closer view of the eclipse. We will eat lunch and dinner on the road and return Monday evening. Call the church office (919-832-4485) or email Lin Carter (lcarter@fbcraleigh.org) by this Wednesday.

FAMILY PROMISE: FBC will host Family Promise families August 27 – September 3. We need your help! To volunteer, please contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net).

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, August 23, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. Menu: Composed Summer Salad with Grilled Chicken, Green Beans, New Potatoes, Tomatoes, and other Garden-Fresh Veggies; Crisp Baguettes with Butter; Dessert. Please make your meal reservation by **noon on Friday, August 18**.

MEAL RESERVATIONS for this Fall 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 Fridays (please note the new deadline)**.

YOUTH KICKOFF, for students in grades 6-12 and their parents, will take place on Sunday, August 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Trey Davis (tdavis@fbcraleigh.org) if you have questions.

BLOCK PARTY will be held on Wednesday, August 30. We'll gather in our parking lot from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. for an evening of food trucks, live music, inflatables, and activities for children, youth and adults. Come join us and invite a friend!

REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES will resume on September 6.

GIVING KIOSK: The credit/debit card kiosk is now available by the elevator on the second floor of the Lewis Building on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week. You will be able to give to the general offering, one of our three mission offerings, or the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund at any time. For information, contact Wayne Hager (whager@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 207).

### Calendar Highlights August 13 – 20

Sun, August 13

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship, Communion (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)
- 12:15 Personnel Committee (CR)  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Ridgecrest  
(return August 15)
- 5:30 Youth Group (North Hills Club)

Tues, August 15

- 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
- 5:45 Finance Committee (CR)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)

Wed, August 16

- 10:00 HS Bible Study (Blue Room)  
Clothing Ministry open
- 5:45 ITC Board (108)

Thu, August 17

- 8:30 Youth to Emerald Pointe (Greensboro)
- 11:00 Library Committee (L)
- 1:00 Clothing Ministry open

Sun, August 20

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)
- 12:15 Deacons' Meeting (220)**
- Music Committee (CR)
- 5:30 Youth Group (Blue Room)



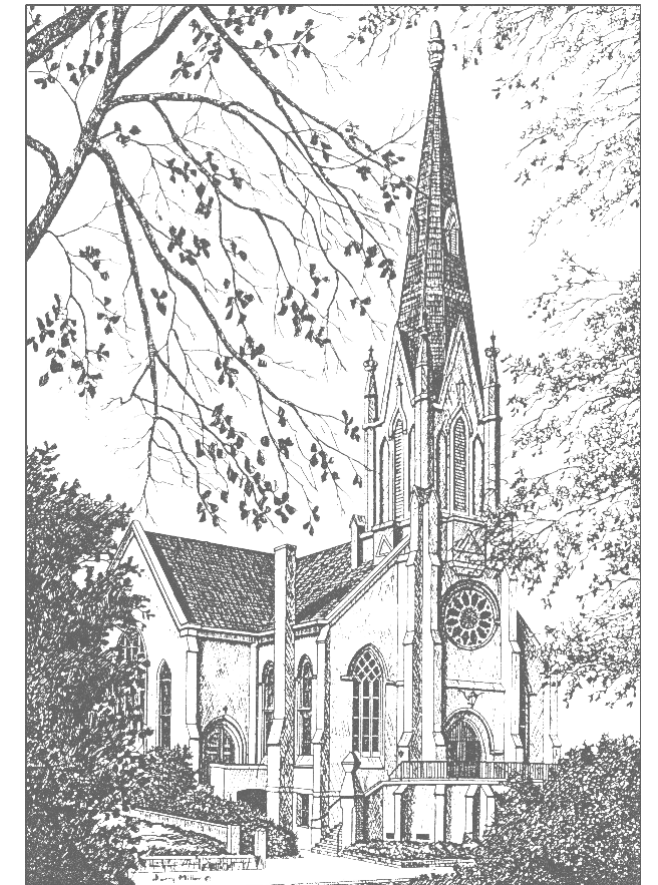
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