

## THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 2017

Eleven O'clock

#### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in G Major" Felix Mendelssohn

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 67

LEADER: O God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face to shine upon us,

PEOPLE: **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

LEADER: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

PEOPLE: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

LEADER: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

PEOPLE: **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

LEADER: May God continue to bless us;

PEOPLE: **let all the ends of the earth revere God.**

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt

\*The Hymn of Praise, 53 ASH GROVE  
"Let All Things Now Living"

The Greeting of Worshipers

#### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (p. 599)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (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 15:21-28 (p. 797)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 611 BALM IN GILEAD  
"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"An Affirmation of Where We Are and a Calling To Go Beyond"

#### 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, 437 AURELIA  
"Help Us Accept Each Other"

\*The Offertory Prayer Jeff Hobart

The Offertory Anthem "Sing a New Song" arr. Hal Hopson

\*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 Personnel Recognition

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 "Trumpet Tune on Psalm 81:3" Douglas E. Wagner  
Danny Thomerson, organist

\*The congregation may stand.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Catherine Carter and Lauren Thompson.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Christy Isaacs Alston by her son, Alejandro Alston, and her parents, Linda and Dan Roberts.

DEACON ON CALL is Jeff Hobart. A 24-year member, Jeff serves as Chair of the Finance Committee and is a member of the Unity Class. He and his wife Marcy have two children, Leigh and Keller.

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: We worship today, as always, in a way shaped by the Christian year and the lectionary texts, but also sensitive to the realities of the world in which we live. Thus, we begin with the words of Psalm 67 and read passages from Isaiah, Romans and Matthew, but we are also aware of the tensions of our nation and world, tensions related to race, religion and many other factors. We sing a hymn of straightforward praise and hear an anthem that offers praise as well, but we also sing hymns that cry out for the healing of divisions and the increase of love. The sermon is rooted in the reading from Matthew, a difficult text which bridges the concerns of faith tradition and daily reality. In this all-too-familiar story, Jesus seems to buy into cultural divisions of race and ethnicity, but in the end, he transcends them, affirming the faith of a Canaanite woman and healing her child. What might this text say to us about our calling to extend love to those who are different? We add this inquiry to the many prayers we lift up today, trusting in the God who has made us all to keep moving us toward Christ's vision of the beloved community.

**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** to South Carolina has been **cancelled** due to warnings from authorities of excessive traffic delays, possible cell phone interruptions and fuel shortage at gas stations. Stay safe and wear approved protective glasses if you choose to view the eclipse tomorrow.

**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.

**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).**

**NEXT SUNDAY** will be Lin Carter's last day with us as Minister of Education and Outreach. His 13 years of service will be recognized during worship and a reception in his honor will follow in the Lewis Building Lobby.

**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).

**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. Please remember to make meal reservations no later than the Friday prior if you plan to join us for dinner.

**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 20 ☀ 27

Sun, August 20

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)
- 12:15 Deacons' Meeting (220)**  
Music Committee (CR)
- 2:00 Youth Council (CR)
- 5:30 Youth Group (Blue Room)

Tues, August 22

Ministerial Staff Retreat  
(through 8/23)

- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)

Wed, August 23

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry open
- 5:00 Meal Served (FH)
- 6:15 Church Conference (FH)
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir (310)

Thu, August 24

- 11:00 Library Committee (L)
- 1:00 Clothing Ministry open

Sun, August 27

- Family Promise Families  
(through 9/2)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship, Baptism (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)
- 12:15 Lin Carter Reception (Lewis Building Lobby)
- 5:30 Youth Kickoff (FH)

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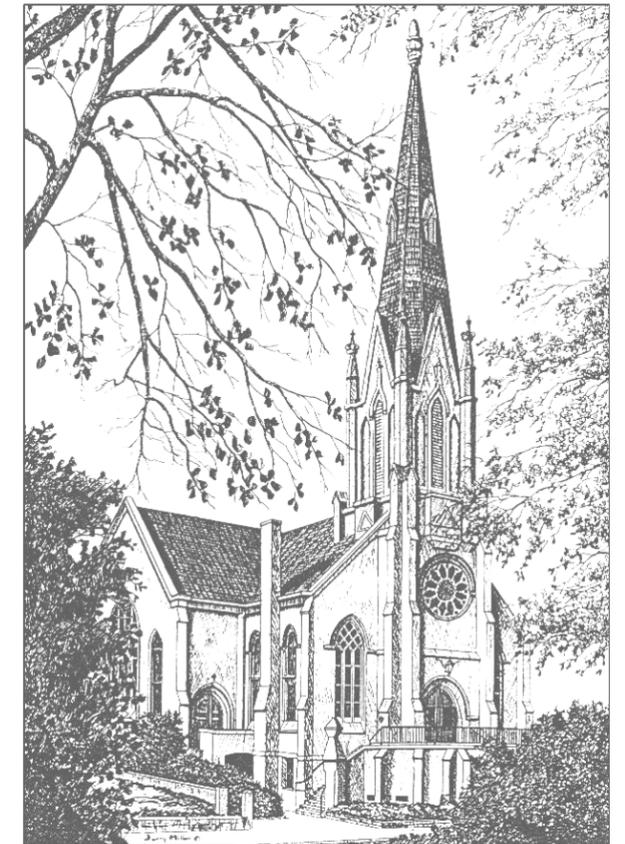
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