

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 30, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Prelude on SLANE" Healey Willan
Sue Crocker, 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 from Psalm 105

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

PEOPLE: **Sing to God, sing praises to God, tell others about the Lord's wonderful works.**

LEADER: Seek the Lord, earnestly yearn for God's presence and strength.

PEOPLE: **Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, the judgments God has uttered, O offspring of God's servant Abraham, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

LEADER: For God is mindful of the covenant God made with Abraham, the promise sworn to Isaac and confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant.

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord!**

The Invocation Daniel Ray

*The Hymn of Praise, 20 ODE TO JOY
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 29:15-28 (p. 22)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 8:26-39 (p. 919)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (p. 795)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 107 SLANE
"Christ Be My Leader"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"How to Use Our Hotline to God"

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, 531 ST. MARGARET
"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

*The Offertory Prayer Tyson Graves

The Offertory Anthem "Neither Death nor Life"† Jonathan Crutchfield
Tonya Carter, soprano

(text omitted)

*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 Matt Strickland

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 "If You Would Only Let God Guide You" J.S. Bach

*The congregation may stand.

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WE WELCOME Sue Crocker as our guest organist today as she fills in while Donna Jolly is on vacation. Sue recently retired from full-time music ministry after serving for thirteen years at First Baptist Church of Henderson, NC.

DEACON ON CALL is Tyson Graves. A 26-year member, Tyson serves as chair of the Properties Committee and is a member of The Journey Sunday School class. He and his wife Ginger have one son, Zachary.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Ann and Tom Rollins in honor of the youth volunteers and their chaperones that provide the Poe Center support on Wednesday evenings through the school year.

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.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Today is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what we call Ordinary Time in the Christian Year. We continue to worship around a series of readings from Genesis, Romans, and Matthew – hearing stories about the founding figures of Judaism, exploring the nature of salvation with the Apostle Paul, and being challenged by the parables of Jesus. Today's sermon is rooted in the reading from Romans, not just the very familiar word of assurance found in Romans 8:28, but the whole passage. There is much here to encourage the faithful in times of distress and there is time and space in this service to seek God's help through prayer and to offer God thanks through songs of praise. As Paul asks, "Who will separate us from the love of Christ?" and the anthem echoes his claim, we sing of a love that "wilt not let us go." We respond to these high and holy words of assurance with the dedication of our lives, all that we have and are.

SYMPATHY to **William Plyer** on the July 21 death of his father, B.B. Plyer Jr. of Raleigh (formerly Wilson).

BE IN PRAYER for 13 of our seniors and chaperones as they travel to Gatlinburg today and return next Sunday, August 6.

FIFTH SUNDAY VESPERS SERVICE will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER: Submit recipes to Susan Kimball (susanekimball@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, August 1.**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Chapman will be away next Sunday, August 6. In his absence, the Pulpit Supply Committee is pleased to announce that Rev. Andrew Connors will be our guest speaker. Andrew is the son of Betty and Austin Connors and he grew up in the life and ministry of our congregation. Andrew is the Senior Pastor of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

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 participate in the viewing party hosted by the town of Sumter. We will eat lunch and dinner on the road and return Monday evening. Seating in church vehicles is limited so sign up is first-come-first-served. Please call the church office (919-832-4485) or email Lin Carter (lcarter@fbcraleigh.org) by August 16.

FAMILY PROMISE: We will host Family Promise families August 27 through September 2. To volunteer, please contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net).

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).

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: We are adjusting our 2018 boxed offering envelope order. If you will be giving to the general offering online or by auto draft in 2018 and need only special offering envelopes or if you wish to receive a box containing only 12 general offering envelopes plus special offering envelopes, contact Wayne Hager (whager@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 207).

CLOTHING MINISTRY is in need of male volunteers to help in the Men's Department on Mondays, from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., and Thursdays, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Calendar Highlights July 30 – August 6

Sun, July 30

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
- 6:00 Fifth Sunday Vespers (S)
followed by ice cream social (FH)
Senior trip to Gatlinburg
(return 8/6)

Tues, August 1

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

Wed, August 2

- 10:00 HS Bible Study (Blue Room)
Clothing Ministry open

Thu, August 3

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

Sun, August 6

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
- 5:30 Youth Group (Blue Room)



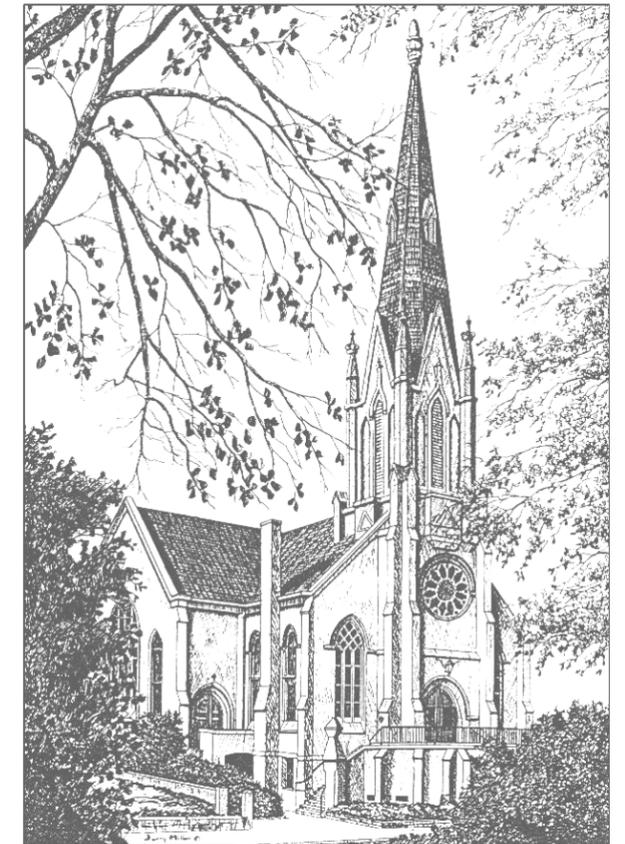
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