

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude G.F. Handel/arr. Walter Buszin  
"Andante from Concerto in F Major"

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 31:1-4

LEADER: In you, O God, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;

PEOPLE: **in your righteousness deliver me.**

LEADER: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

PEOPLE: **Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

LEADER: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

PEOPLE: **take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

The Invocation Trey Davis

\*The Hymn of Praise, 77 LOBE DEN HERREN  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)  
**Risen Christ, you show us the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy. Speak to us now as the Scripture is read and proclaimed, that we may know your presence and be filled with gladness in our hearts. Amen.**

The First Reading Acts 7:55-60 (p. 891)  
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10 (p. 984)  
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 14:1-14 (p. 877)  
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 612 FOUNDATION  
"How Firm a Foundation"

The Sermon "Reclaiming our Priesthood" 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, 543 BUNESSAN  
"Christ Beside Me"

\*The Offertory Prayer Beth Jones

The Offertory Anthem "Christ, the Solid Rock"† James Biery  
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; for all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When Jesus comes with trumpet sound, oh may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

\*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 Commissioning of the College Mission Team (responsive)  
LEADER: Genuine faith is revealed in acts of service and love, a willingness to be vulnerable and walk in the way of the cross. Today members of our church family will travel to Birmingham, Alabama, to reveal this kind of faith.  
PEOPLE: **We pray God's blessings upon Daniel Ray, Casey Barrett, Brantley Blanchard, Parker Creekmore, Lindsey Davis, Justin Lockamy, Deja Gainey, Linnea Howe, Jane Kelley, Jonathan Kelley, Tai Ruinsky, and Mattie Yerxa. 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. 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 "Prelude and Air" Henry Purcell

\*The congregation may stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Thornton W. Mitchell by his wife, Fannie Memory Mitchell and their sons James and David.

DEACON ON CALL is Beth Jones. A 4-year member and first-term deacon, Beth serves as Church Clerk. She is a member of the Sharing Thoughts class. Beth and her husband, Barry, have two children, Claire and Nate.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter, a season in which we celebrate the good news of resurrection and reflect upon its implications for us. We continue with a series of readings from John and Acts, considering Jesus' words of hope and guidance, and learning from the way early believers follow the Risen Lord (today Stephen sacrifices his life for his faith and thus becomes the first Christian martyr). Then, we explore imagery found in the reading from 1 Peter where the church is described as a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a temple of living stones arranged around the cornerstone who is Christ. The sermon focuses on the image of priesthood which applies to all of us in Baptist tradition. We are all priests to and for one another. Yet our priesthood is rooted in Christ and guided by his example. So, we sing hymns which underscore the foundation of our faith and the choir sings an anthem setting of a hymn which proclaims, "On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand." We respond to the good news of God's love for us with financial gifts and the dedication of our lives. Then, while we all depart to serve and give witness to our faith, we commission some of our college students who are spending this week in mission service.

SYMPATHY to **Jay Bisette** on the May 9 death of his mother, Rose Bisette of Wilmington.

BE IN PRAYER for 12 of our college students and chaperone as they travel to Birmingham, AL today and return on May 20.

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.

MISSIONS CELEBRATION: On Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary we will celebrate missions education with "A Year In Review." Mission Friends, RA and GA classes will recap units of study highlighting CBF field personnel.

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made on the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)) under the Food and Faith section, by email ([jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu: Lemon Ginger Chicken, Lentil Salad with Goat Cheese and Tomatoes, Roasted Vegetable Salad, Rosemary Focaccia, Green Salad and Dessert.

GREEN STOLES: Today and Saturday, May 20, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. we will be piecing together our new green stoles. Contact Mary Hauser ([marymary1412@hotmail.com](mailto:marymary1412@hotmail.com)).

MAY MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting wash cloths, any color, and small bars of soap (preferably not heavily scented) to use for making "Boo Boo Bunnies" for Toy Joy stockings. Place your donations in the drawer of the cabinet in the Lewis Building Lobby.

THE BIBLE AND NEIGHBORING: On Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in our sanctuary, Dr. Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University Professor of Religion and Albritton Fellow, will lead as we explore biblical foundations for developing a Christian practice of neighboring.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Chapman will take some well deserved vacation time on Sunday, June 4, and the Pulpit Supply Committee is pleased to announce that Dr. Lynn Brinkley will fill the pulpit that Sunday. Dr. Brinkley is the Director of Student Services and Alumni Relations at the Campbell University Divinity School where she also serves as Adjunct Instructor of Worship and Spiritual Formation. Please join us for worship that Sunday as we celebrate Pentecost and observe communion during our worship experience.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER food packing event will be held on Sunday, June 4, from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Sixty volunteers are needed to help package over 11,000 meals. A registration link may be found at [www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org) or contact Mary Tetro ([matetro@gmail.com](mailto:matetro@gmail.com)). Lunch will be provided for those registered. On **Saturday, June 3**, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. ten to fifteen volunteers are also needed to help set up for the event.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: *Have You Seen? Looking for God's Fingerprints*, will be held June 26–30, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for rising 3s through fifth grade. More details will be available soon.

2017 CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY: June 26–30 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA. Visit [www.cbf.net](http://www.cbf.net) for information.

### Calendar Highlights

#### May 14-21

Sun, May 14	<i>Mother's Day</i>
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship (S)
	Japanese Worship (227)
1:00	Green Stole Project (301)
5:00	Youth Group (FH)
	College Mission Trip to Birmingham (return 5/20)
Mon, May 15	
9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
7:00	Third Monday Meeting (Lucky Tree)
Tues, May 16	
10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
6:45	Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park #1)
Wed, May 17	
10:00	Clothing Ministry open
12:00	WMU Group 7 (P)
3:45	Works in Progress (P)
5:00	Meal Served (FH)
5:45	Announcements and Prayer Time (FH)
	ITC Board (108)
6:00	Missions Celebration (S)
7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, May 18	
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
7:45	Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park #1)
Sat, May 20	
9:00	The Bible and Neighboring (S)
1:00	Green Stole Project (301)
Sun, May 21	
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship (S)
	Japanese Worship (227)
12:15	<b>Deacon's Meeting (220)</b>
	College Students' Luncheon (301)
5:30	Youth Group

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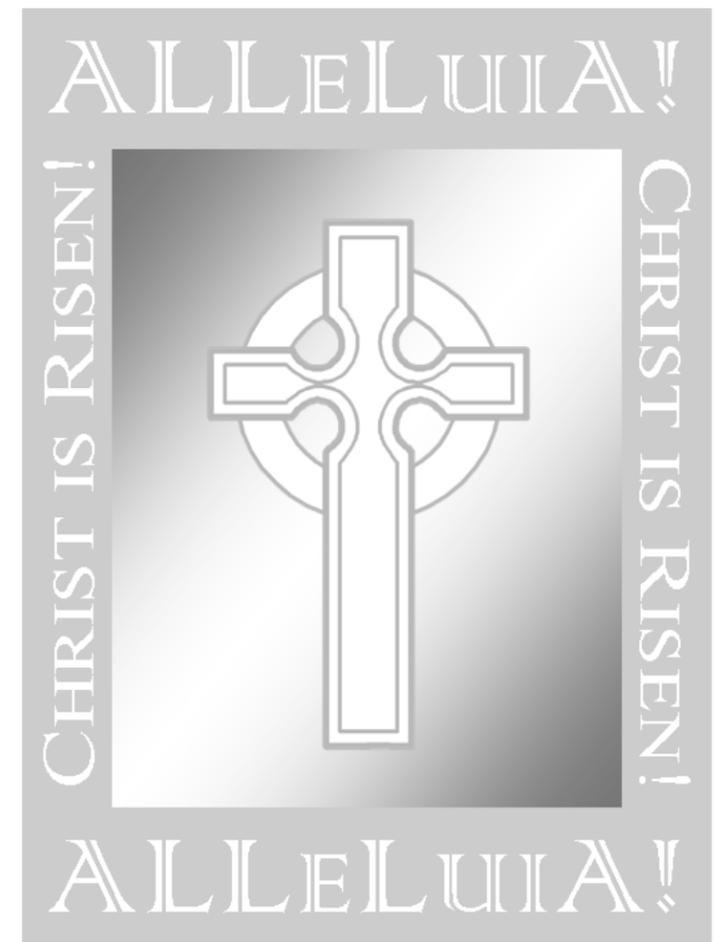
Lin Carter, Christian Education/Outreach	Donna G. Jolly, Organist
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