

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Josef Rheinberger  
“Adagio espressivo from Fantasy-Sonata”

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 Choral Introit arr. Austin Lovelace  
“I Sing th’ Almighty Power of God”

The Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 66

LEADER: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God’s  
praise be heard,

PEOPLE: **who has kept us among the living, and has not  
let our feet slip.**

LEADER: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as  
silver is tried.

PEOPLE: **You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on  
our backs;**

LEADER: You let people ride over our heads; we went through  
fire and water;

PEOPLE: **yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

LEADER: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I  
will pay you my vows,

PEOPLE: **those that my lips uttered and my mouth  
promised when I was in trouble.**

LEADER: Come and hear, all who fear God, and I will tell  
what the Lord has done for me.

PEOPLE: **I cried aloud to God, and the Lord was extolled  
with my tongue.**

LEADER: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord  
would not have listened.

PEOPLE: **But truly God has listened; the Lord has given  
heed to the words of my prayer.**

ALL: **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed steadfast love from me.**

The Invocation Daniel Ray

\*The Hymn of Praise, 26 LAUDA ANIMA  
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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 17:22-31 (p. 902)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22 (p. 985)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

The Gospel John 14:15-21 (p. 877)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 91 “I Love You, My Jesus” LOVE TO CHRIST

The Sermon “A Different Kind of Witness” 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, 498 HANKEY  
“I Love to Tell the Story”

\*The Offertory Prayer Kimberly Taylor

The Offertory “With Tambourine and Dancing” Ron Mallory  
Evening Bells; Dennis Ellis, percussion

\*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!**

The Recognition of Service

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  
“Allegro appassionato from Sonata No. 5”

\*The congregation may stand.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Katie Childrey and Carson Harvey.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Mary Barham in loving memory  
of her husband, Roger Barham, and in deep appreciation of our  
veterans and military.

DEACON ON CALL is Kimberly Taylor. A 16-year member, Kimberly  
serves on the Discipleship Training Committee and as a Sunday  
School teacher for Grades 7-8. She is an assistant for the Pre-K and  
Kindergarten Music Group and for Children’s Handbells. Kimberly also  
is a member of the Sanctuary Choir. She and her husband Alan have  
two children, Emily and Matthew.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

This is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, a season in which we celebrate the  
good news of resurrection and reflect upon its meaning for our lives.  
We continue with readings from Acts, 1 Peter, and John, following  
early believers in the Easter community, considering a lengthy  
reflection on the meaning of suffering, and hearing Jesus’ words of  
assurance. The sermon, rooted in the Acts 17 reading, explores early  
approaches to giving witness to personal experience with the Risen  
Christ. The core message remains constant, but strategies of  
communication vary, depending on the audience. Paul’s strategy in  
Athens seems particularly helpful for our time and place. We sing  
hymns which allow us to give witness to our faith and reflect upon that  
witness, we offer prayers for new life, and we hear anthems which  
honor God and express joy. As we consider our response to the good  
news of resurrection and how we will give witness to our faith, we  
honor Bill Kibler for his response and witness expressed through  
nearly thirty years of leadership in the clothing ministry.

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.

TODAY, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are remaining in the children's suite, experiencing worship by reflecting on and responding to our scripture lesson through different art mediums. Visiting children may join us in Room 224.

HECK-JONES OFFERING supports missions such as the Interfaith Habit for Humanity Build, our Rise Against Hunger event, and other critical initiatives. As of May 17, we have received \$3,740 towards our goal of \$10,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided at 5:00 p.m. Meal reservations may be made on the 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 Monday, May 22. Menu: Clean out the Freezer Medley, Beef Entrée, Salad, Bread and Dessert.

PULLEN PARK PICNIC will be held on Wednesday, May 31, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. We'll meet at Shelter #3 (beside shelter #4 where we've met before). Bring your chairs, blankets, balls, etc. Please make **meal reservations by NOON ON FRIDAY, MAY 26**. Menu: Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Fruit, Green Bean Salad, Rolls, and Dessert.

IRONMAN RACE will be held on Sunday, June 4. Please use the Dash Pass and add extra time to your drive. Information may be found on the website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)); click on Traffic Alerts.

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. 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) or 919-271-0780). Lunch will be provided for registrants. Volunteers are also needed on **Saturday, June 3**, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. to help set up for the event.

FAMILY PROMISE (formerly WIHN) information and training session will be held at FBC on Tuesday, June 13, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Rm 220. We will host Family Promise families the week of June 25. Contact Holly Ivel ([hi2810@bellsouth.net](mailto:hi2810@bellsouth.net); 919-628-9850).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 26–30, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for rising 3s through fifth grade. Registration is available on the website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)) or contact Lynn Lingafelt ([llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org)) by June 11. Invite your friends!

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 21-28

Sun, May 21	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Children's Worship (224) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	<b>Deacons' Meeting (220)</b> College Students' Luncheon (301)
	5:30	Youth Group
Mon, May 22	9:30	Weekday Preschool
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
Tues, May 23	9:30	Weekday Preschool
	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
Wed, May 24	9:30	Weekday Preschool
	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	5:00	Meal Served (FH)
	5:45	Announcements and Prayer Time (FH)
	6:15	Church Conference (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, May 25	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
Fri, May 26		Pathfinders Class Retreat (Caswell) return May 28
Sun, May 28	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)

► Office closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

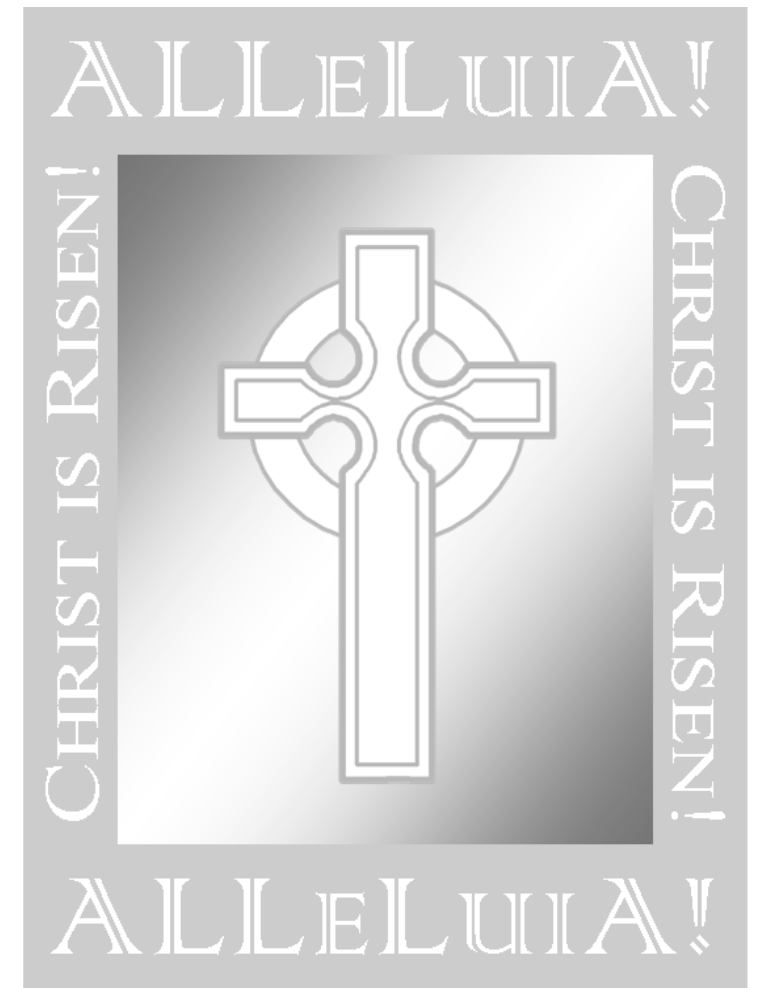
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