

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 28, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Hymn Prelude on *Hanover*" Flor Peters
"Improvisation on *Ebenezer*" Paul Manz

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 68

LEADER: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds.

PEOPLE: **God's name is the Lord – be exultant before the Holy One.**

LEADER: Protector of orphans and widows is God in the holy habitation.

PEOPLE: **God gives the desolate a home to live in, God leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

LEADER: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

PEOPLE: **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain.**

LEADER: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

PEOPLE: **your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

The Invocation Lin Carter

*The Hymn of Praise, 8 MIT FREUDEN ZART
"All Glory Be to God on High"

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 1:6-14 (p. 884)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (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 17:1-11 (p. 879)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 259 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"Between Memory and Promise"

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, 715 ABBOT'S LEIGH
"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

*The Offertory Prayer Jamie Vogel

The Offertory Anthem "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" arr. Hal Hopson
Mary Hauser, handbells
(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 263.)

*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 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 Ralph Vaughan Williams
"Prelude on *Hyfrydol*"

*The congregation may stand.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in deep appreciation of the Everett Miller-Friendship Class teachers and to the music ministry of the choirs of the children and youth.

DEACON ON CALL is Jamie Vogel. A 22-year member of First Baptist, Jamie serves on the Information Management Committee and sings in the Sanctuary Choir. He is a member of The Journey Sunday School class. Jamie and his wife Cara Lynn have one son, Jesse.

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter, the last Sunday before Pentecost, and the closest Sunday to Ascension Day (May 25 this year). It is also Memorial Day Weekend in our nation, a time set aside to honor those who gave their lives while serving in the armed forces. The music, scripture, liturgy, prayers, and sermon provide space to address themes associated with all of these realities. We begin, as always, with a prelude which centers us in God's presence, and the chiming of the hour, as worship assistants light candles, a sign of the Spirit's presence, and open the word of God, a sign of our openness to God's voice. We are called to worship by the words of Psalm 68 and a prayer of invocation. Then, we sing a sixteenth-century text of praise to God and share the sense of welcome we have in God's presence with each other. We listen for the voice of God speaking through three readings and the sermon, and we pray for our community, nation, and world. Then, we sing an eighth-century text about the Ascension. The sermon, rooted in the reading from Acts 1, names the anxiety we feel in in-between times and explores sources of help in such times. As early disciples find help for their anxiety in living between Jesus' Ascension and his return, we find help for living through our most anxious transitions. We respond to our hearing of God's word by singing a twentieth-century text which proclaims our mission in the world and offering our commitment of time and money to fulfill this mission. The anthem echoes the themes of Ascension and service, as we are sent forth to focus not on our anxiety, but on our purpose in the world, to give witness to our experience with Christ right where we are to the ends of the earth.

BE IN PRAYER for 58 members of the Pathfinders Sunday School class on their retreat this weekend.

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

HECK-JONES OFFERING supports missions such as the Interfaith Habitat for Humanity Build, Rise Against Hunger, and other critical initiatives. As of May 21, we have received \$4,060 towards our goal of \$10,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate.

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 your meal reservation online (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section or email (jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org) by noon tomorrow. 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); 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 next 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 or contact Mary Tetro (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, led by Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator, Debbie Allen, 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. If you would like to help with providing a meal, staying overnight or driving our van in the morning or evening, contact Holly Ivel (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) or contact Lynn Lingafelt (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 for information.

Calendar Highlights May 28 – June 4

- Sun, May 28
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
- Mon, May 29 *Memorial Day*
Church Office Closed
- Tues, May 30
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
- Wed, May 31
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
5:00 Pullen Park Picnic (Shelter #3)
- Thu, June 1
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
- Sat, June 3
10:00 Rise Against Hunger Set-up (FH)
- Sun, June 4 Ironman Race
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Baptism, Communion (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:30 Rise Against Hunger Packing Event (FH)
5:30 Youth Group (FH)



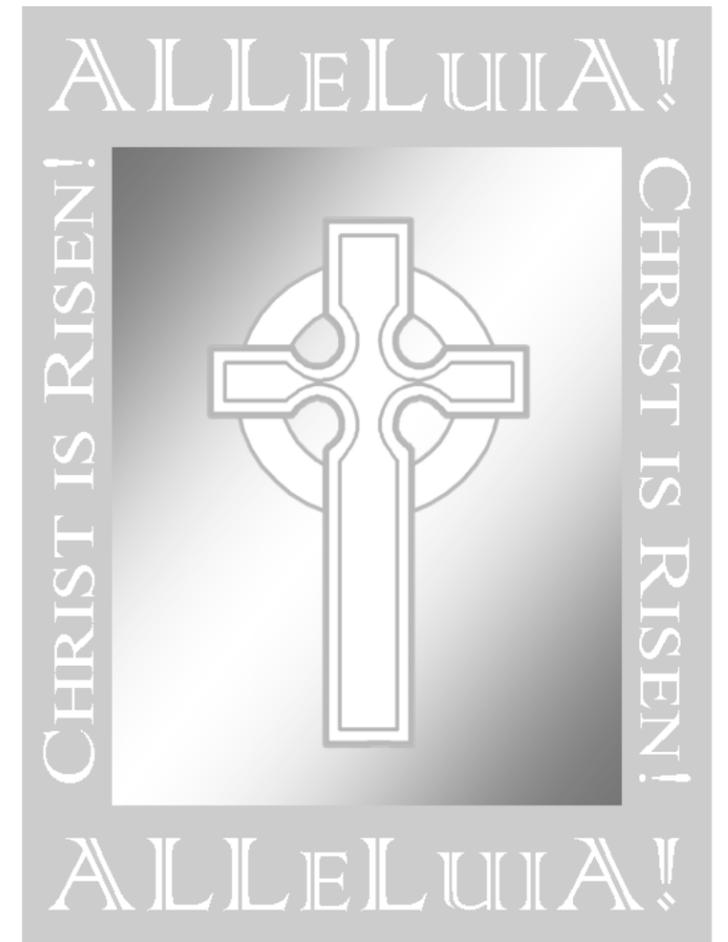
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