

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude
Dietrich Buxtehude
"Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"

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)†

(text omitted)

The Invocation
Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 701 "God Is Here!" BEECHER

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 2:42-47 (p. 886)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25 (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 10:1-10 (p. 872)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 522 BRADBURY
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*The Offertory Prayer Dennis Herman

The Offertory Anthem "He Leadeth Me" Benjamin Wegner
Anna Moxley, conductor

*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 Sermon Christopher Chapman
"The Church on Its Best Behavior"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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, 700 SYMPHONY
"We Are God's People"

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 "Prelude in G Major" J.S. Bach

*The congregation may stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Dorothy M. Broughton in loving memory of her mother, Jessie Thurston Spencer and in honor of all our mothers.

DEACON ON CALL is Dennis Herman. A 6-year member and first-term deacon, Dennis serves on the Music, Scholarship, and Discipleship Training Committees. He also is a Homebound Ministry Visitor and a member of the Pathfinders Class. Dennis and his wife, Betsy, have three children and three grandchildren.

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter, also called the Good Shepherd Sunday because of the reading from John 10 which pictures Jesus as the Good Shepherd. With this imagery surrounding us, we focus on what the early followers of the Good Shepherd are doing in Jerusalem. The reading from Acts provides a brief summary of their activity, not a complete picture of all their joys and struggles, but a snapshot of the church at its best – worshipping God, caring for one another and reaching out to the world with the Good News. It offers a model for us, an image not just of who we might be, but who we are at our best. The hymns and anthem pick up these themes of shepherding and following the Good Shepherd faithfully. Then, like the early church, we break bread together, share the cup of forgiveness, and depart to share the Good News.

SYMPATHY to **Carol Millen** on the May 4 death of her mother, Mary Louise Hunnicutt of SC.

AN OFFERING for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

SILENT AUCTION AND MUSIC CELEBRATION: Tonight our Youth Choir and Youth Bells, our children's bell group, and our preschool groups will share musical gifts with the congregation. Our 1st through 5th grade choir members will present the musical *Unplugged* by Dennis and Nan Allen. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. (reservations not required) where you can place final bids on Silent Auction items. The auction concludes at 5:45, and the Music Celebration begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

MEAL RESERVATIONS 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 Mondays. Menu: Homemade Pizza, Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit, and Dessert.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: *Ministry to Internationals Update*. Marc and Kim Wyatt, CBF Missionaries to the Triangle and friends of FBC, will share the latest news concerning Welcome House and how changes in immigration law affect their ministry.

GREEN STOLES: Two workdays have been scheduled to piece together our new green stoles: Sunday, May 14, and Saturday, May 20, both from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping either day, contact Mary Hauser (marymary1412@hotmail.com).

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.

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 marked 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.

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 for information.

Calendar Highlights • May 7–14

Sun, May 7	9:45 Sunday School
	11:00 Worship/Communion (S)
	Japanese Worship (227)
	5:00 Dinner/Silent Auction (FH)
	6:00 Music Celebration (S)
Mon, May 8	9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
	11:00 Sisters in Grace (CR)
Tues, May 9	10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	12:00 Staff Luncheon (FH)
	6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	6:30 High School Bible Study (Yerxas' home)
	8:45 Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park #1)
Wed, May 10	10:00 Clothing Ministry open
	3:45 Works in Progress (P)
	5:00 Meal Served (FH)
	5:45 Announcements and Prayer Time
	All Missions Night
	Common Grounds (110)
	Evening Bells (307)
	6:15 Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
	7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, May 11	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
	2:30 Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)
	6:45 Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park #1)
Fri, May 12	10:00 Japanese-American Cultural Exchange planning (CR)
	Mother/Daughter Retreat to Mundo Vista
	(return 5/13)
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)
	6:00 Youth Group (FH)
	College Mission Trip to Birmingham
	(return 5/20)

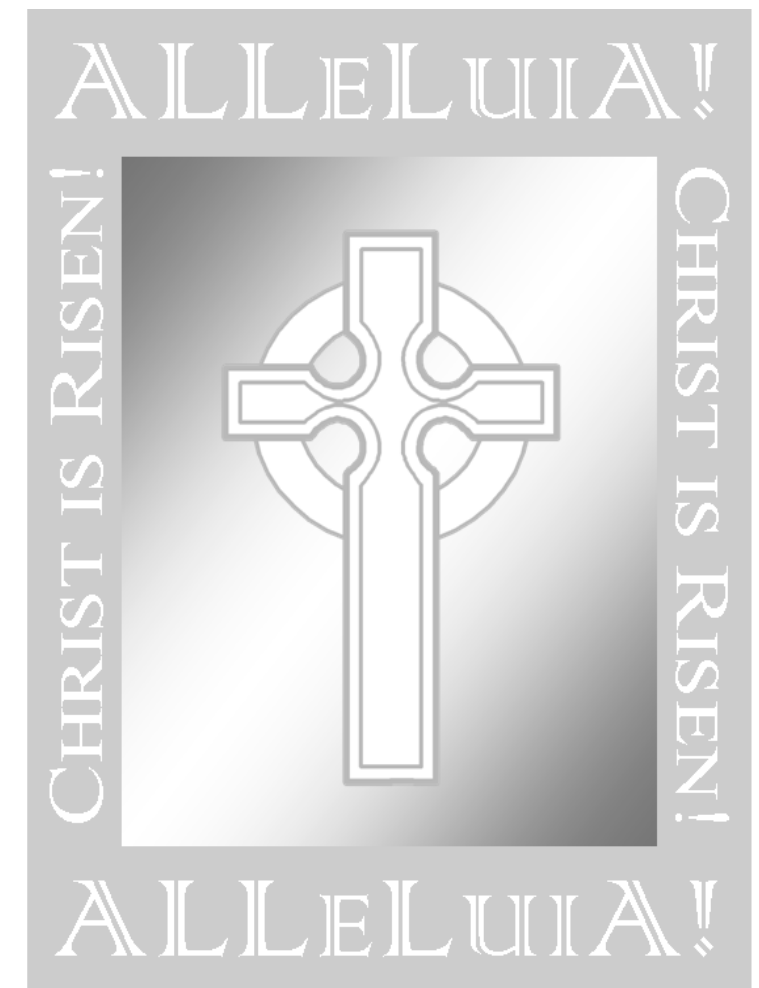
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