

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 13, 2018 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Benedictus" Max Reger

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 1

LEADER: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

PEOPLE: **but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

LEADER: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

PEOPLE: **In all that they do, they prosper.**

LEADER: We come today seeking to take delight in the law of the Lord, seeking to plant our lives near the streams of God's mercy and love.

PEOPLE: **We begin this journey in the waters of baptism and continue to drink in grace and truth throughout our lives.**

LEADER: We offer to God our best in worship and service.

PEOPLE: **We pray that we might yield fruit in God's abundant harvest.**

The Celebration of Baptism

candidate: Claudia Dare

The Prayer of Blessing Trey Davis

*The Hymn of Praise, 108 MADRID
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

The Greeting of Worshipers Mary Alice Seals

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (p. 885)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 John 5:9-13 (p. 991)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 17:6-19 (p. 879)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 593 "The Gift of Love" GIFT OF LOVE

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"Guidance for How We Might Pray for the Church"

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, 710 AUSTRIAN HYMN
"We Are Called to Be God's People"

*The Offertory Prayer Beth Jones

The Offertory Anthem "The Lord Be Near Us" Hal Hopson

*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. Next week members of our church family will travel to Honduras to reveal this kind of faith.

PEOPLE: **We pray God's blessings upon Brantley Blanchard Jr., Lindsey Davis, Deja Gainey, Mary Hauser, Jane Kelley, Jess Helms, Linnea Howe, Chuck Nichols, Caleb Petty, Claire Willmschen, and Natalie Willmschen. 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 "Fanfare" Nicolas Jacques Lemmens
*The congregation may stand.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Cara Lynn and Jesse Vogel.

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 Beth Jones. A 5-year member and first-term deacon, Beth is a member of the Board of Trustees and the Sharing Thoughts class. She also serves as Church Clerk. Beth and her husband, Barry, have two children, Claire and Nate.

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter and the last Sunday before Pentecost. Thus, while each Sunday of the year is a little Easter, we conclude our focused celebration of resurrection and look forward to a recognition of the coming of the Spirit. We begin with the celebration of baptism and end with the commissioning of college students and their chaperones for partnership mission work, thus reflecting the character of Christian life with the structure of our worship – baptism represents new life which leads to service and witness. We continue with readings from Acts, 1 John and the Gospel According to John. We sing hymns that point to the character of new life and offer prayers for all who need new life the most. The sermon, which is rooted in a part of Jesus' high priestly prayer recorded in John 17, explores some ways in which we might seek to pray for the church, following Jesus' example. We are sent forth to live as resurrection people in a Good Friday world, to bring hope into the darkest corners of despair.

SYMPATHY to the family of **Laryce Rybka**, who died on May 3; and to **Jerry Dudeck** on the May 6 death of his sister, Joyce Dudeck.

MAY MISSION PROJECT: FBC is hosting a "Virtual Housewarming" party for the Pakistani family that has been attending our church. Gift cards from Walmart or Target, enclosed in a card wishing the family well in their new home, are being collected. Please give to Anne Cooke or leave in the Pathfinders Sunday School box in the church office.

MISSIONS CELEBRATION: On Wednesday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall we will recap our year of missions in a slightly different way than in years past. We'll be presenting it to you on the big screen – the big screen in the Fellowship Hall, that is! Each of our Mission Friends, RA and GA classes have videoed themselves learning about a unit they have studied this year.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Please make or cancel reservations by **noon on Mondays** on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section, by email (firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485). Menu: Pizza Night! Meat Lovers, Veggie, Vegan, and Cheese Pizza, Bread Sticks and Salad.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with our dental clinic on Friday, May 18, from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Choose between morning or afternoon shifts or volunteer for the entire event. If interested, contact John Rusher (919-510-4120 or jmnrusher@gmail.com).

PENTECOST SUNDAY is May 20. As part of the celebration, the ministers will wear red stoles with a descending dove. You're invited to join the celebration by wearing something red. Streamers made during the churchwide retreat will waft around the sanctuary and special anthems and readings will add to the celebration.

FACILITIES ASSESSMENT: On **Sunday, May 20**, a dialogue facilitated by New City Design will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided for the normal Wednesday night cost (please make a reservation through customary channels by **Thursday, May 17**), as well as childcare (please notify Lynn Lingafelt of childcare needs by **May 14**). A space utilization questionnaire is available on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org) and in the office; please complete one **today**. We encourage your participation in this process.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE is sponsoring an outing next Sunday, **May 20**. You are invited to join us in the Lewis Building Lobby after worship and walk to Artsposure for lunch and art appreciation.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, May 23, at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

2018 CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY: June 11-15 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dallas, TX. Visit www.cbf.net for information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will held on July 29 through August 2, from 6:00–8:00 p.m., with an optional meal at 5:00 p.m. The theme is *Peace Lab: Discover God's Way of Peace*. Four biblical narratives will help us learn how to resolve conflicts and figure out ways to help others. Contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) to volunteer.

Calendar Highlights † May 13 – 20, 2018

Sun, May 13	<i>Mothers Day</i>
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship, Baptism (S) Japanese Worship (227)
5:30	Youth Group (Blue Rm)
Mon, May 14	Thirty-Niners trip to Valdese and Mt. Airy (return 5/15)
9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-F)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
6:15	Finance Committee (CR)
6:30	HS Bible Study (Blanchards' home)
Tues, May 15	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:00	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
10:30	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
6:00	HS Bible Study (Helms' home)
7:30	
Wed, May 16	College Mission Trip to Honduras (return 5/23)
10:00	Clothing Ministry open
12:00	WMU Group 7 (P)
3:45	Works in Progress (P)
5:00	Meal Served (FH)
5:45	ITC Board (108)
6:00	Missions Celebration (FH) Dental Bus Committee (CR)
7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, May 17	Band of Brothers (CR)
7:00	Library Committee (L)
11:00	Clothing Ministry open
1:00	
Fri, May 18	RBA Mother/Daughter Retreat to Caswell (return 5/20)
8:00	Dental Bus
Sun, May 20	Family Promise (through 5/26)
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
12:15	Deacons' Meeting (220) Outreach Lunch Outing (Artsposure)
5:30	Facilities Assessment Dialogue and Meal (FH)

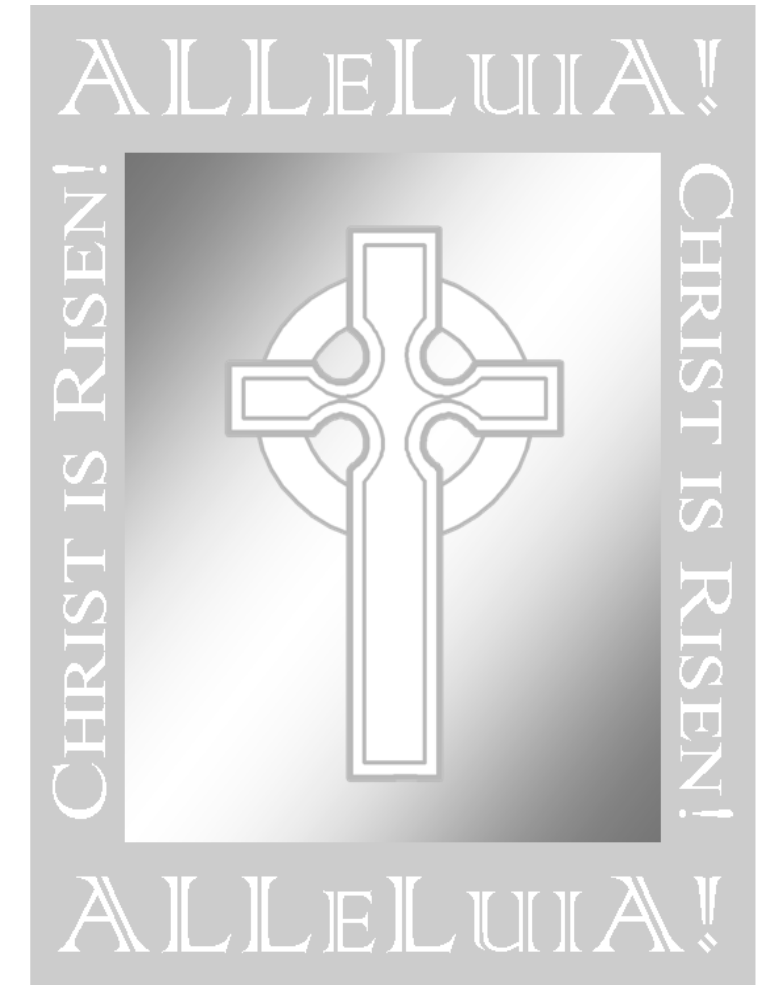
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