

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 15, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Louis-Nicolas Clerambault
"Suite du Premier Ton"

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 24

LEADER: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

PEOPLE: **for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

PEOPLE: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

LEADER: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

PEOPLE: **Such is the company of those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 52 ELLACOMBE
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (p. 244)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Ephesians 1:3-14 (p. 949)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 6:14-29 (p. 817)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 403 ENGELBERG
"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

The Sermon "Reflections on Power" 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, 558 BEECHER
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*The Offertory Prayer Pam Powell

The Offertory Anthem Kinley Lange
"Dance for the Lord Like Children"†

(text omitted)

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 "Offertoire sur les Grands jeux" Francois Couperin

*The congregation may stand.

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The WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Owen Fulk and Zach Tucker.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Alvah Ward, Jr. in memory of Rachel T. Ward in honor of her July birthday.

The DEACON ON CALL is Pam Powell. A fourteen-year member, Pam serves on the Denominational Relations Committee, the Stewardship Council and the Library Committee. She is a member of the Unity Sunday School class. Pam has one child, Phillip Matthews.

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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. Green is the liturgical color for this season, a symbol of its emphasis on growth, and this year we continue to wear the green stoles that were made from materials contributed by church members and assembled by church members. In our readings, we continue to follow the historical narratives of ancient Israel, this week considering the story about David moving the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem and dancing before it. The reading from Mark involves dancing of a different kind, and the anthem celebrates the image of dance as a means of offering worship and praise to God. The sermon explores the larger story of the ark, its place in Israel's national life as a powerful symbol of God's presence. The ark evokes a profound sense of joy as well as a sense of danger, prompting us to wonder whether there is anything in the practice of our faith that has this kind of power today.

BE IN PRAYER for 40 of our youth and chaperones as they travel to Kure Beach today and return on Thursday, July 19.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, *Peace Lab: Discover God's Way of Peace*, will be held on July 29 through August 2, from 5:45-8:00 p.m., with an optional meal at 5:00 p.m. Registration is available online at www.fbcraleigh.org or registration forms may be found in the church office. The registration deadline is **today!**

VESPERS SERVICE: On July 29, at 5:45 p.m., we'll kick off our week of Bible School with a Vespers Service. In lieu of our typical VBS classes this night, we'll have a time of worship to introduce our theme in a personal way. There is an optional supper at 5:00 (sign up on the VBS registration form online at www.fbcraleigh.org); we'll enjoy a cool and tasty dessert in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

JULY MISSION PROJECT: We're partnering with Urban Ministries to participate in their *Fight Hunger Food Drive*. Donations of non-perishable food (cereal, oatmeal, brown rice, canned fruit and vegetables, and canned tuna and chicken) may be placed in bins on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. No glass, please. Monetary donations may be given at urbanmin.org/fight-hunger.

Last call for COLLEGE GRADUATES: Do you know of FBC members who received a degree last fall or this spring? We would like to recognize them in the next edition of *First Foundations*. Please contact Denise Arnold (919-832-4485, ext. 200, or darnold@fbcraleigh.org) by **Thursday, July 19**.

The HECK-JONES OFFERING provides a way for our congregation to connect to mission work with ties to our church. Details may be found in the June 8 edition of *First Foundations*. As of July 8, we have received \$8,275 toward our goal of \$10,000.

BLOOD DRIVE: On Sunday, July 22, FBC will host a second blood drive. If you are eligible, please consider donating to save a life. You can sign up by following the link on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org). If you have questions, please contact Trey Davis (tdavis@fbcraleigh.org).

On Sunday, July 29, WE WILL WELCOME TO THE PULPIT Patricia Ihlenfeldt, Director of the Women's Department for the Baptist Union of Southern Africa. She will talk about her ministry of reconciliation in South Africa and thus provide a helpful framework for our VBS theme of peacemaking.

The CLOTHING MINISTRY is in dire need of men's clothing, particularly sizes small and medium shirts and pants.

☀ **Calendar Highlights** ☀
July 15 - 22, 2018

- Sun, July 15
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
Youth to Kure Beach
(return 7/19)
- Tues, July 17
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
- Wed, July 18
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
5:30 Properties Committee (Hunter Innovations)
5:45 ITC Board (108)
- Thu, July 19
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
- Fri, July 20
6:00 Senior Night
- Sun, July 22
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 Blood Drive (FH)
5:30 Youth Group (Blue Room)



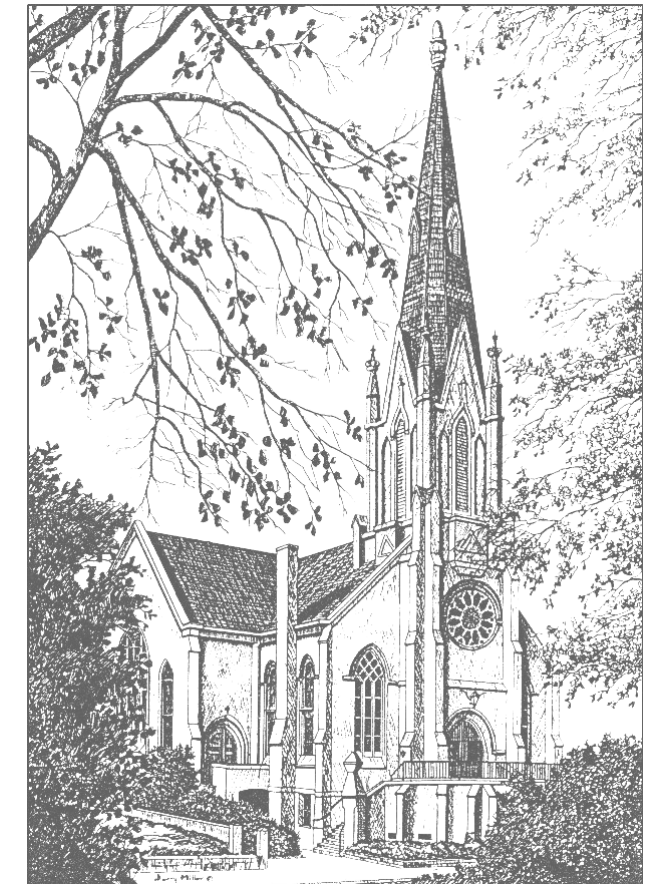
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