

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude arr. Linda McKechnie
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
Evening Bells and Organ

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 98

LEADER: O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things. God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed vindication in the sight of the nations.**

LEADER: The Lord has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

PEOPLE: **All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

PEOPLE: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

PEOPLE: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Lord who reigns.**

LEADER: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

PEOPLE: **the world and those who live in it.**

LEADER: Let the floods clap their hands;

PEOPLE: **let the hills sing together for joy**

LEADER: at the presence of the Lord, who is coming to judge the earth.

PEOPLE: **The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

The Invocation Trey Davis

*The Hymn of Praise, 2 NICAEA
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading Acts 10:44-48 (p. 895)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6 (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 15:9-17 (p. 878)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 437 AURELIA
"Help Us Accept Each Other"

*The Offertory Prayer Zach Padget

The Offertory "This Is My Father's World" arr. Ron Mallory
Evening Bells

*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
"Overcoming Fears and Extending Boundaries"

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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, 695
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

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 "Interlude from Water Music" G.F. Handel

*The congregation may stand.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Thornton W. Mitchell by his wife, Fannie Memory Mitchell and their sons James and David.

DEACON ON CALL is Zach Padget. A 20-year member and first-term deacon, Zach serves on the Greeters and Ushers and Constitution and Bylaws committees, as well as a chaperone and basketball coach for the youth group. Zach is married to Alison Coppock.

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, a season in which we celebrate the good news of resurrection and reflect upon its significance for our lives and world. We continue with readings from Acts, 1 John and the Gospel According to John, but we focus on the Acts narrative, the final chapter of a story about how Peter confronts his fears of people who are different, primarily the Gentiles, and ultimately, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, overcomes those fears and extends the boundaries of the covenant community. It is a story that seems particularly relevant to national life right now and our desire to reach out more effectively to the increasingly diverse community around us. The hymns and offertory reflect this concern while lifting up praise to the God who is sovereign over all people, indeed, all creation. As we celebrate communion, we give thanks for the grace that enables us to sit at this table, we reflect upon who is missing, and we ponder ways in which we might enable others to know they are welcome. We are sent forth to continue extending the boundaries of the covenant community.

SYMPATHY to **Anne Hunter** on the April 28 death of her husband, **Carey Hunter**; and to **Kent Dickens** on the April 30 death of his brother, Paul Parks of Southern Pines.

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.

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.

FACILITIES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE will host two listening sessions **today** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and at 12:15 p.m. in Room 302. 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 served and childcare is offered (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 by May 13. We encourage your participation in this process.

SILENT AUCTION AND MUSIC CELEBRATION: Tonight our Youth Choir and Youth Bells, our children's bell group, and our preschool and children's choirs will share musical gifts with the congregation. 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.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: Cara Lynn Vogel, FBC member and State Coordinator of Christian Women's Job Corps of NC, will lead us in exploring the biases we may have and how they influence our thoughts and behavior. Attention will be given to how understanding our own biases may help us live lives that better "love our neighbors."

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: Indian Night! Chicken Tikka Masala, Jasmine Rice, Indian Sautéed Vegetables and Curry Peas. Non-meat Option: Mock Chicken Tikka Masala. Children's Menu: Creamy Pasta.

MAY IS ART MONTH AT FBC: The Outreach Committee is collecting art work by FBC members in the labeled cabinet for display during May in the Lewis Building Lobby. See Lynn Lingafelt for storage prior to display if your work is too large or fragile. On **May 12**, at 3:00 p.m. you are invited to join us for a tour of "You Are Here," a new exhibit at the NC Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12.00. Email or text Valerie Cumbea (valerie_cumbea@hotmail.com or 919-624-9543) to reserve your ticket. We plan to go to dinner following the tour. On **May 20**, we'll meet in the Lewis Building Lobby after worship and walk to Artsposure for lunch and art appreciation.

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).

FAMILY PROMISE: Working with Family Promise the week of May 20–27, FBC will be hosting families experiencing homelessness. Contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net) to volunteer.

Calendar Highlights May 6 – 13, 2018

Sun, May 6	9:00	Facilities Assessment Listening Session (FH)
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship, Communion (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	Facilities Assessment Listening Session (302)
	5:00	Silent Auction Dinner (FH)
	6:00	Music Celebration (S)
Mon, May 7	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-F)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
	6:30	HS Bible Study (Blanchards' home)
Tues, May 8	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	12:00	Staff Luncheon (FH)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	7:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, May 9	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	5:00	Meal Served (FH)
	6:00	Announcements and Prayer Time (FH) All Missions Night for Children
	6:20	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, May 10	7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
	10:30	Thirty-Niners-Transitions Life Care: Music and Memory (FH)
	11:00	Library Committee (L)
	1:00	Clothing Ministry open
	2:30	Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)
Sat, May 12	3:00	NC Museum of Art Tour
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)

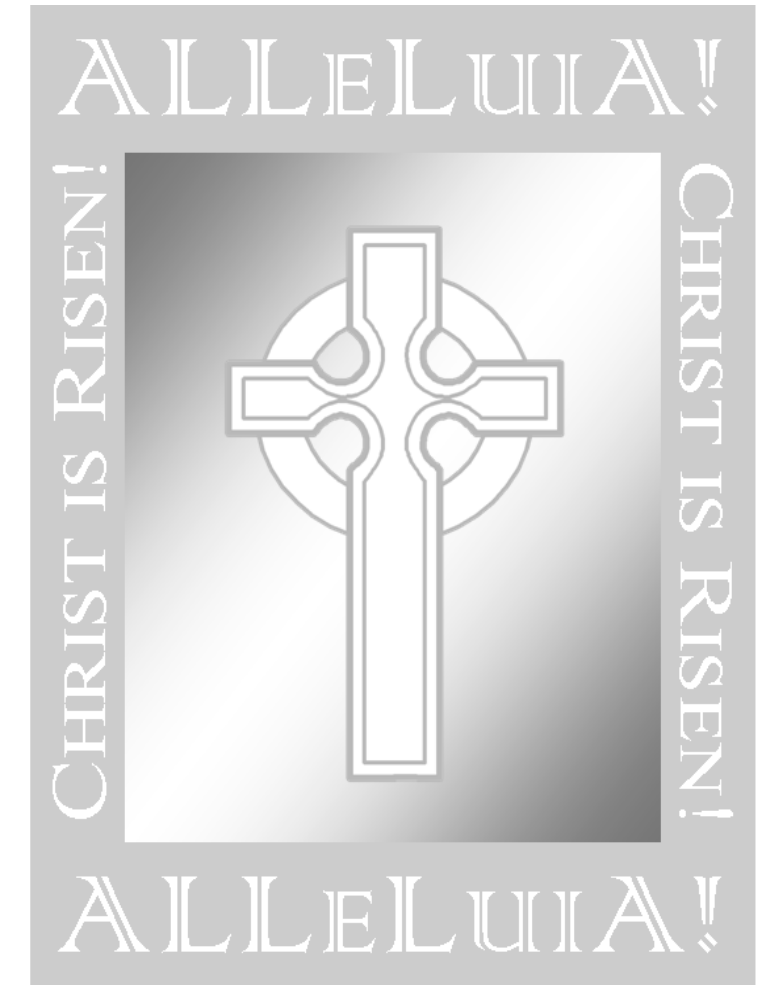
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