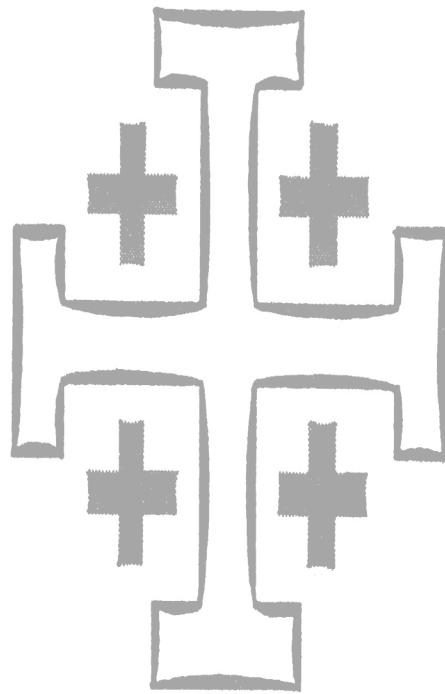


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

ORGANIZED MARCH 8, 1812



March 7, 2021

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
209TH ANNIVERSARY

March 7, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Third Sunday in Lent, a season of penitence and reflection, as we follow Jesus on the way to the cross. It is also the day we celebrate 209 years of ministry at FBC Raleigh, as our church, then known as Raleigh Baptist Church, was organized on March 8, 1812. The lectionary texts provide ample space for reflection on both emphases. The reading from Exodus describes the third covenant in the Hebrew canon, the founding of a distinctive way God will relate to the Jewish people. The reading from John describes Jesus' critique of how this covenant is working, his call to renewal, or perhaps better understood, more than renewal — a complete reshaping of the faith wherein he, and not the temple, is the focus of divine presence and purpose. This new focus lies at the heart of our faith, but it is also what gets Jesus killed. As we celebrate our heritage today and look to the future, these texts invite us to look back to our beginning principles but also remain open to the ways our faith may need to be reshaped. No change will be as dramatic as the one Jesus ushers in; his life, death, and resurrection provide a unique intervention in human history; but in this time of many significant paradigm shifts in the world around us, might we hear a calling to renewal or perhaps something more dramatic? We listen for God's voice on these matters as we lift up songs of praise, offer prayers of hope, and seek to follow Jesus' example of service and love.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Prelude

"Pastorale on St. Anne"
Sue Crocker, organ

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 19

LEADER: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

PEOPLE: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

LEADER: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and runs its course with joy and strength.

PEOPLE: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

LEADER: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

PEOPLE: **the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

LEADER: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

PEOPLE: **the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

LEADER: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

PEOPLE: **sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

The Invocation

Michael Hood

Descant

6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;

be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its years away,
 they fly, forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

Leah Reed

The Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

The Act of Praise

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

ARISE

I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O, there are ten thou - sand charms.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Exodus 20:1-17

Michael Hood

¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God**

The Morning Prayer

Lynn Lingafelt

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father,
 who art in heaven.
 Hallowed be thy Name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Gospel

John 2:13–22

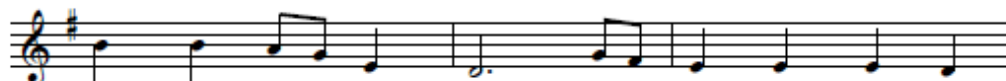
¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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



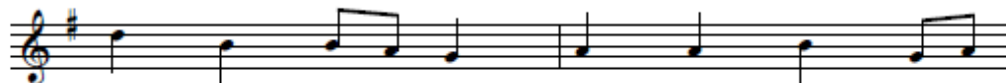
1. You strode with - in the Tem - ple, Lord, Where
 2. The tem - ple of your bod - y, Lord, They
 3. Make ev - 'ry heart your tem - ple, Lord, Each
 4. Come, vis - it, Lord of right - eous - ness, The



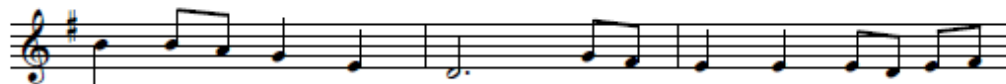
mer - chants vied for gain, And cried, "Your wares cor -
 crushed when you were slain; But af - ter three days'
 life a ho - ly place. For - give the sins that
 Church that bears your name. Drive out our fear and



rupt God's house, This place of prayer pro - fane!" With
 sleep in death, God raised it up a - gain. And
 flaw your plan, Your pa - tient work de - face. In
 un - be - lief, The pride that is our shame. Re -



cord - ed whip and fier - y wrath You
 now you have a dwell - ing place On
 love that does not shrink from truth These
 new the life we share, O Christ, In



put God's foes to flight. They could not bear the
 earth, in all its lands. Your peo - ple are your
 tem - ples pu - ri - fy. And then in mer - cy,
 love and prayer and praise. Then send us forth, our



search - ing beam Of your un - shield - ed light.
 tem - ple, Lord, A house not made with hands.
 Lord, re - main; Your Spir - it's gifts sup - ply.
 strength re - stored, To serve you all our days.

"Sometimes Something More Than Renewal Is Required"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Hymn of Discipleship

"Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle"

ODE TO JOY

1. Christ, whose pur - pose is to kin - dle: now ig - nite us with thy fire;
 2. Thou, who still a sword de - liv - ers rath - er than a plac - id peace:
 3. Thou, who in thy ho - ly Gos - pel wills that we should tru - ly live:

while the earth a - waits thy burn - ing, with thy pas - sion us in - spire.
 with thy sharp - ened Word dis - turb us, from com - pla - cen - cy re - lease!
 make us sense our share of fail - ure, our tran - quil - i - ty for - give.

O - ver - come our sin - ful calm - ness, rouse us with re - demp - tive shame;
 Save us now from sat - is - fac - tion when we pri - vate - ly are free,
 Teach us cour - age as we strug - gle in all lib - er - at - ing strife;

bap - tize with thy fier - y Spir - it, crown our lives with tongues of flame.
 yet are un - dis - turb - ed in spir - it by our neigh - bor's mis - er - y.
 lift the small - ness of our vis - ion by thine own a - bun - dant life.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction³

LEADER: “As we trust we have been brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the influence of His Spirit to give ourselves up to Him,

PEOPLE: **So we do now solemnly covenant with each other, that, God enabling us, we will walk together in brotherly love;**

LEADER: That we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, rebuke, and admonish one another, as the case shall require;

PEOPLE: **That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together nor omit the great duty of prayer, both for ourselves and for others;**

LEADER: That we will participate in each other’s joys, and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy, to bear each other’s burdens and sorrows;

PEOPLE: **That we will earnestly endeavor to bring up such as may be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord;**

LEADER: That we will seek divine aid to enable us to walk circumspectly and watchfully in the world, denying ungodliness and every worldly lust;

PEOPLE: **That we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us;**

LEADER: That we will endeavor, by example and effort, to win souls to Christ;

PEOPLE: **And, through life, amidst evil report and good report, seek to live to the glory of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.”**

LEADER: “And may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory, forever and ever. Amen.”

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

“Chorale Prelude on St. Anne”
Sue Crocker, organ

Healey Willan

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Easter is Sunday, April 4. Remember a loved one with a donation toward the purchase of Easter lilies for our sanctuary, with the remaining funds benefitting the Day Mission Fund. Forms — found on our website or by following the link in the *Rose Window Weekly* — must be received with payment by Wednesday, March 24.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. Please prayerfully consider your support of these missionaries. As of March 4, we have received \$15,450.

Calendar Highlights • March 7–13, 2021

Sunday, March 7

- 10:00 6th Grade Sunday School (Virtual)
7th and 8th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
High School Sunday School (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- 11:00 Virtual Worship Service (YouTube)
- 2:00 3rd–5th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- 4:00 1st and 2nd Grade Sunday School (Lingafelt yard)
Three-year-olds–Kindergarten Sunday School (Zoom)
- 6:30 Youth Group (Zoom)
- 7:00 Minister of Music Search Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, March 8

- 6:15 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 9

- 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (Library or Zoom)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- 6:15 Middle School Gathering (Ellis home)
- 6:30 High School Boys Bible Study (Carter home)
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- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 10

- 5:30 1st–5th Grade Girls Missions and Music (Wade yard)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (Zoom)
- 6:30 InterAct *Courageous Voices* Virtual Tour (Zoom)
- 7:00 Youth Movie Night (Netflix Teleparty)

Thursday, March 11

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 7:30 College Gathering (Zoom)