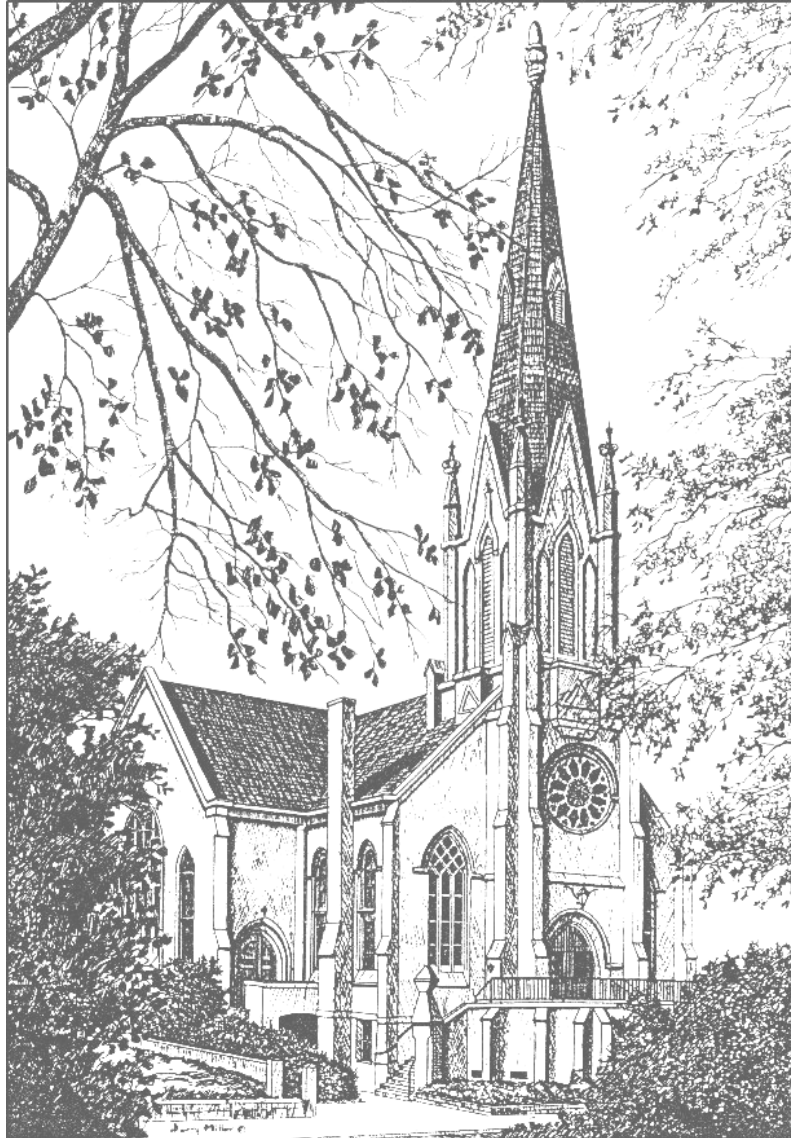


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is fourth Sunday after Pentecost. We continue to rejoice for the ways in which God's presence is made known to us through the movements of the Holy Spirit. At the same time, we recognize that four weeks into the season begins to feel like the middle. The Spirit has moved and the work has begun. Being deep within a season, it is a time to reflect on our lives as we find ourselves also deep within our own journeys and callings. Today's sermon reflects upon one of Paul's letters to the Corinthian church where he shares of the hardships Paul and his own cohort have faced in their callings to foster new communities of faith. Paul encourages this community he writes to to open wide. How might this opening wide be a response for us to experience life through Christ in the midst of the exhaustion we might feel? Paul seemed to believe that it wasn't just a response to the hardships of life, but a result of the life of Christ within us. The hope for you today is, if only for a moment, to experience peace, and the abundant life of Christ even in the middle of what you might be experiencing.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers Leah Reed

The Prelude "Morning Has Broken" arr. Lynn Trapp  
Sue Crocker, 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 Introit "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" TRADITIONAL

The Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 9

LEADER: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

PEOPLE: **Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. For our avenger is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

LEADER: Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

PEOPLE: **The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.**

The Invocation

Leah Reed

Descant

2. Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ 0

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2. His law he en - forc - es the stars in their cours-es and

sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient-ly shine. Ah, \_\_\_\_\_

God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-ph-ant-ly raise, who fash-ioned and  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the deeps of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the  
 moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains, the deeps of the o - cean pro -

claim him di - vine. Re - joice, re -

end of our days. His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be -  
claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

joice! — With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us

raise. Ah,

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise, till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

<sup>57</sup>On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. <sup>58</sup>Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

<sup>1</sup>When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup>Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. <sup>3</sup>Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. <sup>4</sup>Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. <sup>5</sup>David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

<sup>6</sup>As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. <sup>7</sup>And the women sang to one another as they made merry, "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands." <sup>8</sup>Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have but the kingdom?" <sup>9</sup>So Saul eyed David from that day on. <sup>10</sup>The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; <sup>11</sup>and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

<sup>12</sup>Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. <sup>13</sup>So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. <sup>14</sup>David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. <sup>15</sup>When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. <sup>16</sup>But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

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

Mark 4:35–41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."  
<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

"Like Holding Sand"

Michael Hood

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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.*

1. Come, all Chris-tians, be com-mit - ted to the ser - vice of the  
 2. Of your time and tal-ents give ye, they are gifts from God a -  
 3. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, all who on Christ's name be -

Lord; make your lives for him more fit - ted, tune your hearts with one ac -  
 above, to be used by Chris-tians free - ly to pro - claim his won-drous  
 lieve; wor-ship him with con - se - cra - tion, grace and love will you re -

cord. Come in - to his courts with glad - ness, all your sa - cred vows re -  
 love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, tithes and of - ferings with you  
 ceive. For his grace give him the glo - ry, for the Spir - it and the

new, turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, be trans-formed with life a - new.  
 bring; in your work, with him find fa - vor, and with joy his prais - es sing.  
 Word, and re - peat the gos-pel sto - ry un - til all his name have heard.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction Michael Hood

The Benediction Response “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” Vaughan Williams

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 F” JS Bach  
Sue Crocker, organ

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The Deacon on Call is Daniel Rohrbaugh. A 6-year member and first-term deacon, Daniel and his wife, Laura, have two children: Crosby and Vivi.

Our acolytes today are Owen Fulk and Caroline Childrey.

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. William M. Lewis by his wife Marie and children Karl, Keith, Karen, Kaye, Kirsten and their families.

Sympathy to Edith Simpson on the June 14 death of her husband, Bill Simpson.

It is with great joy that The Sanctuary Choir returns to the loft for worship. After much discussion with the Risk Management team and the staff it was decided that the choir, for now, could sing from the loft, unmasked, as long as all participating had been vaccinated.

On Sunday, June 27, from 12-4pm, we will be hosting The Blood Connection in the Fellowship Hall for a blood drive. Sign up at [https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/172389](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/172389). All donors will receive a \$20 eGift card! Contact Leah Reed with any questions.



## Calendar Highlights • June 20–27, 2021

### Sunday, June 20

- 9:00      Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School (Zoom)
- 10:00     6th Grade Sunday School (Virtual)
- 7th & 8th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- High School Sunday School (Blue Room)
- John Hiott Sunday School (108)
- 10:30     Japanese Worship (301/302)
- 11:00     Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
- 5:30      Youth Group (Blue Room)

### Tuesday, June 22

- 10:00     Ministerial Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45     WMU Group II (Springmoor)
- 6:00      Theology on Tap (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- 7:30      Pathfinders Sunday School (Zoom)

### Wednesday, June 23

- 7:00      Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Thursday, June 24

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

### Sunday, June 27

- 9:00      Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School (Zoom)
- 10:00     6th Grade Sunday School (Virtual)
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- John Hiott Sunday School (108)
- 11:00     Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
- 12:00     Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30      Youth Group (Blue Room)