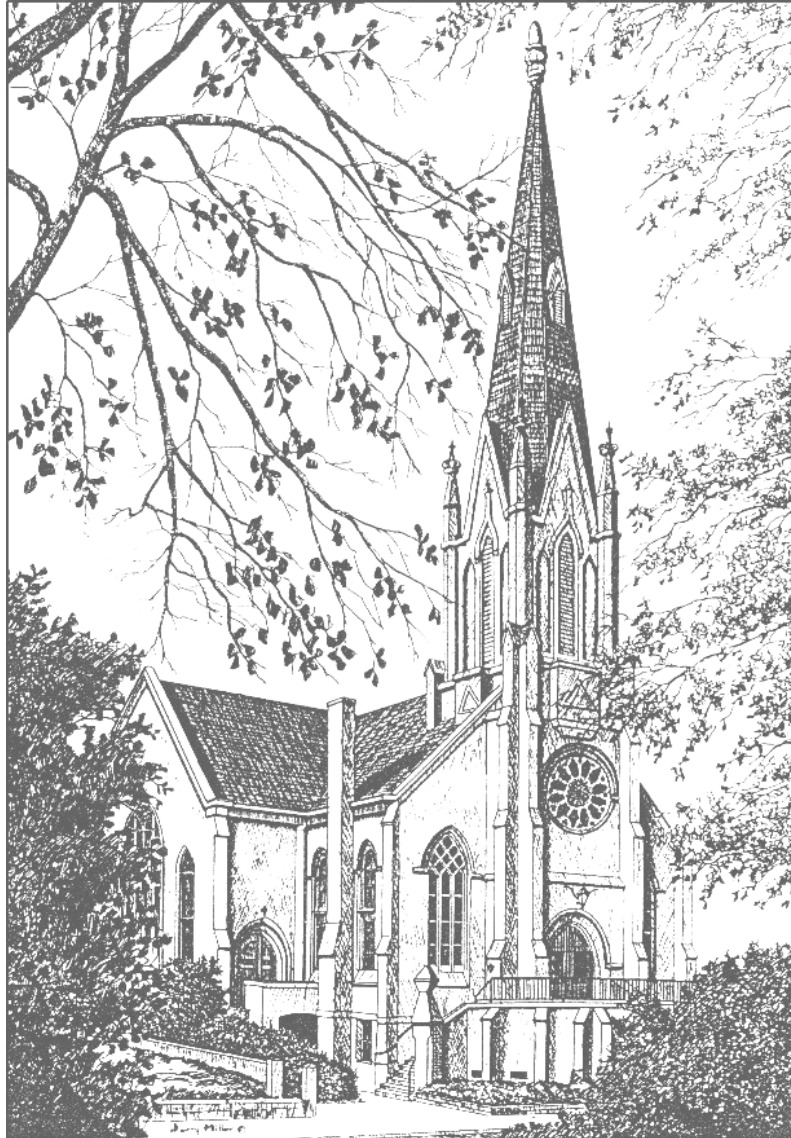


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 27, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, a part of what is called ordinary time in the Christian year. The liturgical color for this season is green, a symbol of growth for individuals and the church. In this season the ministers wear stoles that were made and assembled by church members four years ago from materials contributed by church members, as guided by Mary Hauser and Holly Ivel. The stoles and altar covering which matches them reflect the richness of our diverse community while enhancing our worship of God with visual beauty. The sermon explores the possibilities for growth we might experience if we were to follow Jesus' example — seen in the reading from Mark 5 — of not trying to plan and control everything, but rather being sensitive to the needs we encounter in daily life and trusting the leadership of God's Spirit. It is not an invitation to laziness or sloth. It is a calling to let go a little and trust more. As we ponder this calling, we offer prayers for the needs we are aware of and lift up songs of praise to the God we trust.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers Michael Hood

The Prelude "Antiphon III" Marcel Dupré
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 Choral Introit "Where Two or Three"¹ Larry Schultz

The Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 130

LEADER: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear my voice!**

LEADER: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

PEOPLE: **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

LEADER: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

PEOPLE: **I wait for you, my soul waits, and in your word I hope.**

The Invocation Michael Hood

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus -
 thee, sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 tend thee. Pon-der a - new what the Al -
 fore him! Let the A - men sound from his

tem-ple draw near; join me in glad ad-o-ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or-dain - eth?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friend thee.
 peo-ple a-gain: glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

Sterling Brickell

¹After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

¹⁷David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. ¹⁸(He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: ¹⁹Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! ²⁰Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. ²¹You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. ²²From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. ²³Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. ²⁴O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. ²⁵How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. ²⁶I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. ²⁷How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

2 Corinthians 8:7–15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
Becky Mercer, flute

arr. Robert Powell

The Morning Prayer

Christopher Chapman

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 5:21–43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.”

²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Here, Mas - ter, in this qui - et place, where
 If pain of bo - dy, stress of mind, de -
 If self up - on its sick - ness feeds and
 You ne - ver said "You ask too much" to
 But if the thing I most de - sire is
 Of all my prayers, may this be chief: Till

an - y - one may kneel, I al - so come to
 stoys my in - ward peace, in prayer for oth - ers
 turns my life to gall, let me not brood up -
 an - y trou - bled soul, I long to feel your
 not your way for me, may faith, when test - ed
 faith is ful - ly grown, Lord, dis - be - lieve my

ask for grace, be - liev - ing you can heal,
 may I find the se - cret of re - lease,
 on my needs, but sim - ply tell you all,
 heal - ing touch will you not make me whole?
 in the fire, prove its in - te - gri - ty,
 un - be - lief, and claim me as your own,

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Litany of Response

“Litany to God, the Holy Spirit”³

O living God, you come and make our souls temples of your Spirit.

Sanctify us, O Lord!

Grant us all the fruits of your Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, goodwill and faithfulness.

Sanctify us, O Lord!

May your Holy Spirit speak by the voice of your servants, here and everywhere, as they announce your Gospel.

Sanctify us, O Lord!

Send your Holy Spirit, the comforter, to all who face adversity, or know human abandonment.

Sanctify us, O Lord!

Build up a true community among nations, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Sanctify us, O Lord!

Holy Spirit, Lord and source of life, giver of the seven gifts,

Sanctify us, O Comforter.

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, Spirit of counsel and strength,

Sanctify us, O Comforter.

Spirit of knowledge and devotion, Spirit of obedience to the Lord,

Sanctify us, O Comforter.

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.

Unison

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

*The Benediction Response

“Go Now in Peace”

Natalie Sleeth

*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 on Hyfrydol”
Sue Crocker, organ

Healey Willan

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The Deacon on Call is Sterling Brickell. A 34-year member, Sterling serves on the Transportation Committee and is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class. He and his wife Myra have one daughter, Jessica Helms, and two grandsons, Asher and Ryder.

Our acolytes today are Carter and Kinley Pegram.

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Dick and in honor of Sonia Moore by their children in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Today is Sue Crocker’s last Sunday serving as Interim Music Director at FBC Raleigh. As we joyfully anticipate the arrival of the Howells next Sunday, and feel deep gratitude for the search committee’s work and God’s guidance throughout the process, we also feel richly blessed to have benefited from Sue’s leadership this year. Beginning September 1, 2020, right after Mary Alice Seals’ retirement, Sue brought a combination of gifts no one else could have — choral and accompanist skills, a deep knowledge of and love for our church, sensitivity to the array of human emotions that exist in any time of transition but have been intensified during the pandemic, and an omnipresent tenor — Stan! The staff is expressing our gratitude to Sue at a luncheon next week, but everyone is invited to send her a note. Since she and Stan are members of our church, their contact information is in the church directory. How fortunate we have been to have had Sue’s blend of musical gifts, spiritual maturity, and rich sense of humor to help us through this transition!

Today, from 12-4pm, we will be hosting The Blood Connection in the Fellowship Hall for a blood drive. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift card! Contact Leah Reed with any questions.

Calendar Highlights • June 27–July 4, 2021

Sunday, June 27

- 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)
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
- 12:00 Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 Youth Group (Blue Room)

Monday, June 28

- 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 29

- 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 30

- 7:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:00 Dream Team (301/302)

Thursday, July 1

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

Sunday, July 4

- 9:00 Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School (Zoom)
- 10:00 6th Grade Sunday School (Virtual)
 - 7th & 8th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
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