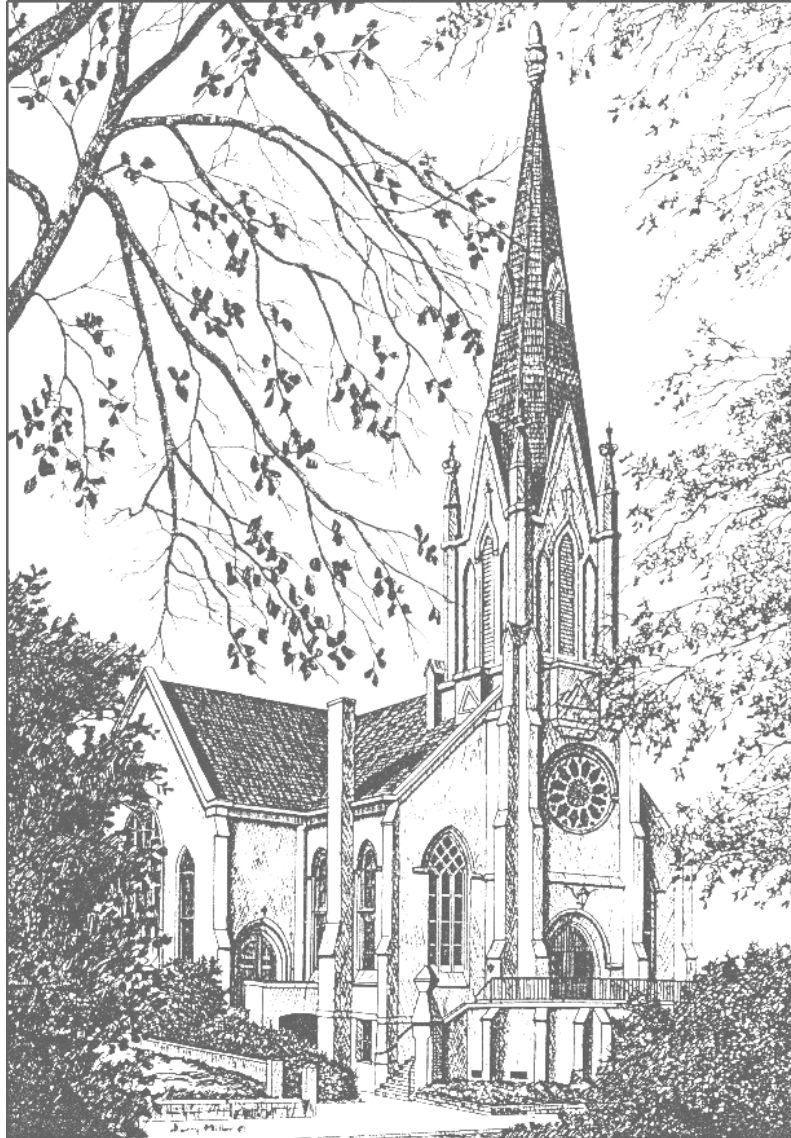


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, a part of what is called ordinary time in the Christian year. It is a season to ponder the possibilities for growth and thus we continue to wear green stoles. These particular stoles were assembled by church members with materials provided by church members. Thus, they provide a symbol of our shared life as well as a reminder that growth is our calling not just as individuals but as a community of faith. The texts all point to the inevitability of struggle and resistance on the journey, yet also the potential for these realities to facilitate growth. The sermon explores this theme in Christian discipleship while noting that struggle and resistance are not just a part of the journey of faith; they are a part of almost everything worth pursuing in life. As we mark our nation's independence today, we recall the great struggles and tensions involved in our beginning as well as the challenges we continue to face in maintaining our form of democracy with all its inherent freedoms. And as we reflect on our calling, we sing hymns of praise to the God who guides us all along the journey and we lift up prayers for the church, our nation, and the world.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers Lynn Lingafelt

The Prelude George Oldroyd  
"Liturgical Improvisation III"  
Maureen Howell, 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

The Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 48

LEADER: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

PEOPLE: **God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.**

LEADER: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

PEOPLE: **Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.**

LEADER: Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

PEOPLE: **Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,**

LEADER: consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels,

PEOPLE: **that you may tell the next generation that this is God who will be our guide forever.**

The Invocation

Lynn Lingafelt

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land;  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might-y— hold me with thy power-ful hand:  
let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me all my jour-ney through:  
death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.  
shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

2 Samuel 5:1-10

Wyatt Yelverton

<sup>1</sup>Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup>For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." <sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup>At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. <sup>6</sup>The king and his men marched to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, "You will not come in here, even the blind and the lame will turn you back" —thinking, "David cannot come in here." <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, which is now the city of David. <sup>8</sup>David had said on that day, "Whoever would strike down the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack the lame and the blind, those whom David hates." Therefore it is said, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house." <sup>9</sup>David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. <sup>10</sup>And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Elaine Holley, violin

(The congregation is invited to join on stanza 3.)



"Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## 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.*

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

DEPARTING TO SERVE

\*The Benediction

\*The Benediction Response

\*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

“Jubilee on *Foundation*”  
Maureen Howell, organ

Alice Jordan

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We welcome Warren and Maureen Howell to worship leadership today on their first Sunday serving as Minister of Music and Organist/Music Assistant. We are excited about the wonderful array of gifts they bring and the yearning they have to be immersed in the life of our faith community. Immediately following worship, you are invited to a brief time of fellowship in the garth to welcome the Howells and welcome back our children to Sunday School and worship.

The Deacon on Call is Wyatt Yelverton. A 10-year member of First Baptist, Wyatt serves on the Music Ministries Council and is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Grains of Sand Class. He and his wife Hollis have two daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth.

Our acolytes today are Catherine and Hollis Yelverton.

Today's flowers are given in honor of Maureen and Warren Howell and in grateful appreciation for all who participate in the music ministry of First Baptist Church.

The Heck-Jones offering provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work with ties to our church. Details may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*. Our goal is \$10,000, to be split as needed between Habitat for Humanity and RISE Against Hunger.

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.

We are looking to set up a rotation of drivers to one of our retirement communities on Sunday mornings. Volunteers would need to pick up one, possibly two, individuals in their own vehicle before the Sunday School hour and drive them back after worship. If this is something you would be willing to do, contact Dr. Chapman at [cchapman@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:cchapman@fbcraleigh.org).

Clothing Ministry volunteers are invited to an orientation and training session on Wednesday, July 28, 11am–1pm, with a BBQ bag lunch from *And Also With 'Cue!* We will walk through the new space, go over new policies and procedures, and celebrate the reopening of this beloved ministry together. RSVP through the link found in the *Rose Window Weekly* by Monday, July 19!

We are in need of one greeter at the back parking lot door, 9:15–10:15am, to stand and offer welcome and to remind congregants to sign in and wear their masks in the common areas. Sign up through the link found in the *Rose Window Weekly*. Questions? Contact Crystal Bacon at [crys-tal.bacon3@gmail.com](mailto:crys-tal.bacon3@gmail.com).

## **Calendar Highlights • July 4–11, 2021**

Sunday, July 4

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)

5:30 Youth Group (Blue Room)

Monday, July 5 *Independence Day Holiday*

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

10:45 WMU Group II (Springmoor)

6:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom/In-person TBD)

Wednesday, July 7

7:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, July 8

7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

7:30 College Group (Zoom)

Sunday, July 11

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)