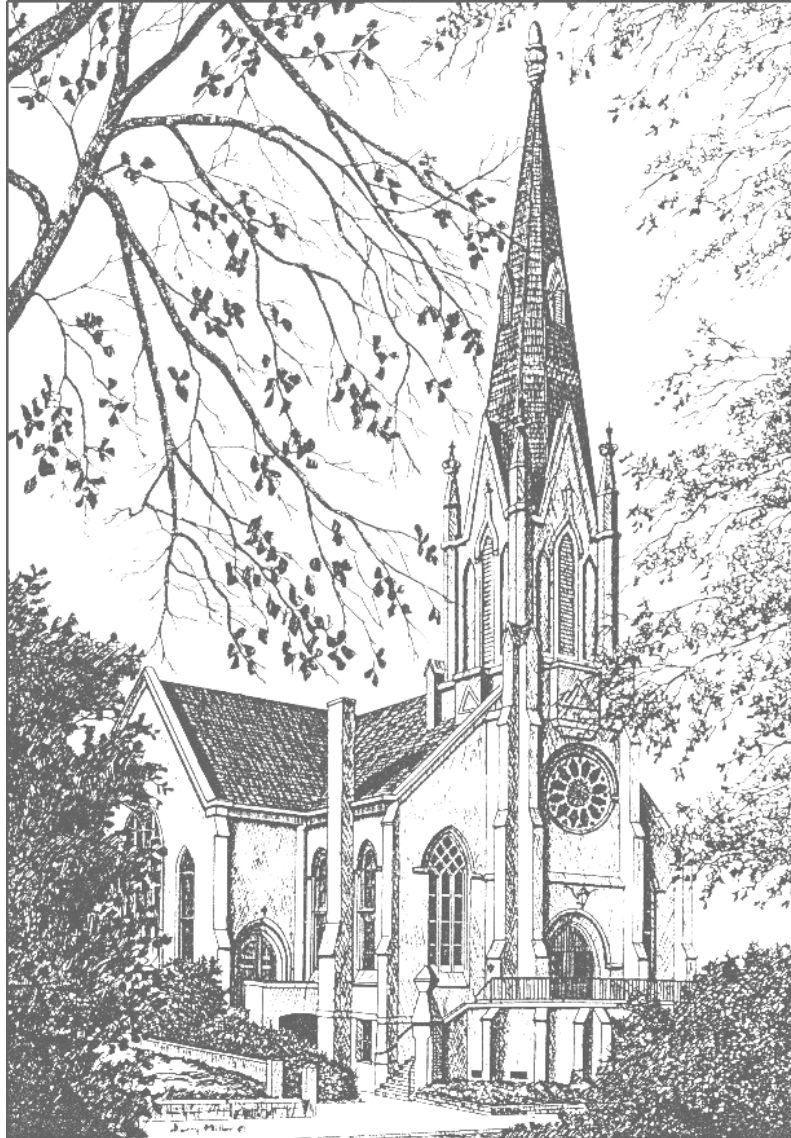


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called ordinary time in the Christian year, a season in which we ponder the possibilities for growth. A central theme that runs through today's texts is the value of memory — remembering God's teachings, remembering who we are as God's beloved children, remembering that we are called to be different from the world around us. Though this is one purpose of worship every week, it is the central theme today. After centering our hearts and minds during the prelude, we begin by singing a text that is meant to be sung. We listen for God's voice speaking through various readings, prayers, proclamation, silence, and the beauty of our sanctuary. And we lift up our praise and devotion to God through various forms of sacred music. In all of these ways, we are reminded of who we are.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Warren Howell

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 Prelude

"Pastorale"
Alec Rowley

Maureen Howell, organ

Refrain

You pure in heart on Zi - on's hill, Your joy - ful songs now
 raise. In one ac-cord lift up your voice, Sing forth your
 songs of praise. Sing forth your songs of praise.

LEADER: You pure in heart on Zion's hill, Your joyful songs now raise.
 In one accord lift up your voice, Sing forth your songs of praise.

PEOPLE: **You pure in heart on Zion's hill, Your joyful songs now raise.
 In one accord lift up your voice, Sing forth your songs of praise.**

LEADER: Lord, who may abide in your temple? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk in righteousness; those who speak the truth from their heart; those whose lips are free from malice; those who never wrong a friend; those who do not rejoice over another's misfortune; those who stand by an oath at any cost; those who are not bribed for the rights of the innocent; those who lend money to the poor without gain; those who despise corruption and evil; those who honor the faithful who love the Lord.

PEOPLE: **You pure in heart on Zion's hill, Your joyful songs now raise.
 In one accord lift up your voice, Sing forth your songs of praise.**

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

Sonia Moore

¹ So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

⁶ You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸ And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹ But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

James 1:17–27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Act of Praise²

**For thyself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”³

Sanctuary Choir

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And with words that help and heal Thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, For Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And with wisdom kind and clear Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions lovingly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin I would, And cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, Be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Thomas T. Lynch and K.L Scott

The Sermon

“The Value of Memory”

Christopher Chapman

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.

F B \flat /F F G \flat /F F

1 I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me (God can

F7 B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat F B \flat /F

use me) an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y -

F N.C. F B \flat /F F A7

where.) I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me

Dm B \flat 6 F/C Dm7 G7 C7 F B \flat /F F

an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y - where.)

2 I'm gonna work...

3 I'm gonna pray...

4 I'm gonna sing...

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

"Diversion on *DOVE OF PEACE*"
Gilbert Martin

Maureen Howell, organ

¹Paraphrase and musical arrangement by Hal H. Hopson based upon *DOVE OF PEACE*, from *Southern Harmony*, 1835, © 2008 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers.

²Text: Foliet S. Pierpoint, 1864, alt.; Music: *DIX*, by Conrad Kocher, 1838.

³*ADORO TE DEVOTE*, and adapted text, arr. K. Lee Scott © 1984 Augsburg Publishing House.

⁴African American spiritual, *Worship and Rejoice* © 2003 Hope Publishing Company.

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The Deacon on Call is Sonia Moore. A 54-year member of First Baptist, Sonia is a teacher for the John Hiott Sunday School class, the leader of Group 2 of the WMU, and a central founder of the clothing ministry. She has four children and five grandchildren.

The acolytes today are Valerie and Ethan Moore.

The sanctuary flowers are given by Maria Childrey in honor and with gratitude for the FBC Youth Ministers who have supported and nurtured her and her family — Hubert Welch, Larry Hovis, Kim Lee Hovis, Mark Teachey, Jonathan Eidson, Trey Davis, and Michael Hood.

The Heck-Jones offering provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work with ties to our church. Our goal is \$10,000, to be split as needed between Habitat for Humanity and RISE Against Hunger; as of August 26, we have received \$5,240.

August Mission Project: The clothing ministry needs children's clothing, all seasons (new or gently used) and socks and underwear (new only). Place in the Clothing Ministry cart at the McDowell parking lot door or in the marked drawer in the Lewis Lobby cabinet.

Now that we have professional streaming equipment and a set process, the AV team needs help from people, any age, who want to be a part of a regular Sunday rotation. We'll teach you everything you need to know and you'll be paired up each week, one person for audio and the other for streaming. Interested? Contact Royce Willmschen (rwillmschen@gmail.com) by August 31.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, September 1; meal served at 5:00 p.m., program at 6:15 p.m. Ashley Glimasinski, the Welcome House Raleigh House Manager, will provide an update on the local embodiment of CBF's work with internationals, including a word about refugees moving to our community from Afghanistan.

Calendar Highlights • August 29–September 5

Sunday, August 29

9:45 Sunday School Kick-off

11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)

5:30 Youth Kick-off (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, August 30

10:00 Clothing Ministry Open

Tuesday, August 31

10:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Wednesday, September 1

5:00 Centerpoint (Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall)

6:45 Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)

7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 2

7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

6:30 College Group (TBD)

Sunday, September 5

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)

Japanese Worship (302)