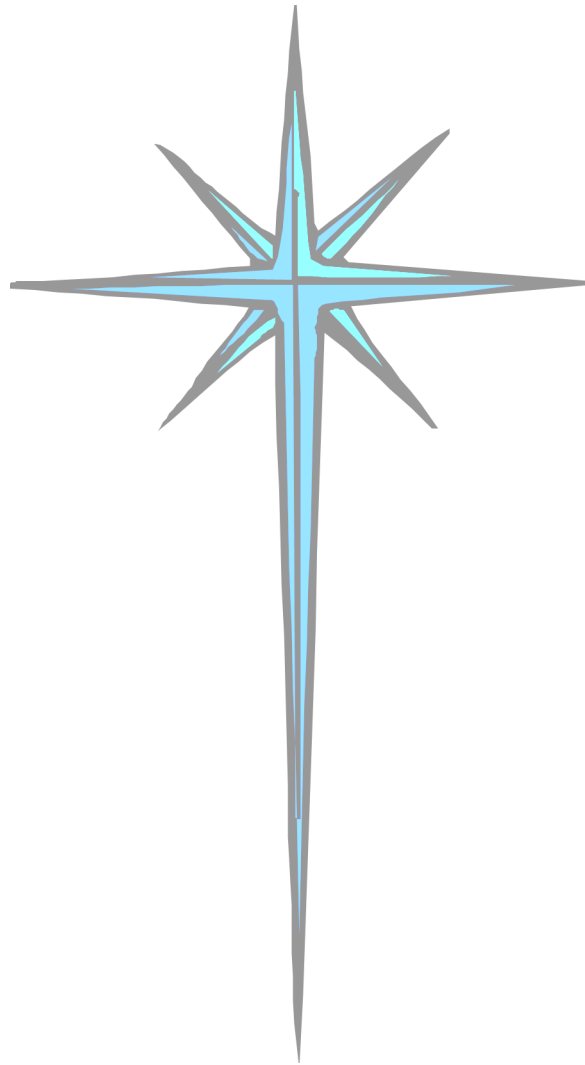


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Second Sunday after Epiphany, part of a season in which we reflect upon God's manifestation of light and love to the whole world. It is also the weekend when our nation recognizes the prophetic ministry of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both realities shape our service today. We read the traditional Epiphany text from John about Jesus changing water to wine at a wedding feast in Cana and consider its implications for us. We reflect on some of Dr. King's writings and consider their implications as well. And it may seem that the two emphases are unrelated. But there are more links than we might at first recognize, given the kind of ministry Jesus was beginning and Dr. King's passionate desire to follow Christ. Both expressed some reluctance and yet both overcame that reluctance and pursued justice and joy. We express our desire to do the same through music and prayers, worship and devotion.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Michael Hood

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

"Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring"
J.S. Bach

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 36

LEADER: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

PEOPLE: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

LEADER: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

PEOPLE: **They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

ALL: ***For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.***

The Invocation

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow - ery mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 62:1-5

Ginger Graves

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Litany of Writings (responsive)

LEADER: In 1963 Dr. King said, "that the ultimate measure of humankind is never where we stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where we stand in times of challenge and controversy."

PEOPLE: **God give us courage to be counted among those who will work for justice.**

LEADER: In 1963 Dr. King challenged southern white clergy by saying, "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people."

PEOPLE: **God transform our stillness into action and our fear into courage.**

LEADER: From the teachings of Jesus, Thoreau, and Gandhi, Dr. King taught us that nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon because it "cuts without wounding and ennobles the one who wields it. Nonviolence is a sword that heals."

PEOPLE: **God heal our world through the works of our hands.**

LEADER: Accepting the Nobel Peace Prize, Dr. King said that “unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. Right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”

PEOPLE: **God strengthen us to trust and abide in the power of your goodness.**

LEADER: To the wealthiest nation in the world, in 1967 Dr. King offered an inclusive solution to the problems of poverty and racism: “a radical restructuring of the architecture of American society.”

PEOPLE: **God rearrange our priorities that all may receive in equal measure.**

LEADER: And on the day before his death, Dr. King gave voice to the meaning of his vocation: “I just want to do God’s will.”

PEOPLE: **God call willing prophets out from this community to do your will on earth.†**

The Song of Response

Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than
hate; light is strong-er than dark - ness;
life is strong-er than death. Vic-'try is ours, vic-t'ry is
ours through him who loved us. Vic-'try is
ours, vic-t'ry is ours through him who loved us.

Text: Desmond Tutu, 1995, adapt.
Music: John L. Bell, 1996

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 Anthem

“This Little Light of Mine”
Traditional Spiritual/Ken Berg, arr.

Choir Ensemble
Myriah Luke, cello

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine.
All through the night, I'm going to let it shine.

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion

“Jesus, Come! for We Invite You”

LAUDA ANIMA

Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and master, friend and Lord;
Now as once at Cana's wedding,
Speak, and let us hear your word:
Lead us through our need or doubting,
Hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
Guide us into paths unknown;
Bring your gifts, command your servants,
Let us trust in you alone:
Though your hand may work in secret,
All shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come! in new creation,
Heav'n brought near in pow'r divine;
Give your unexpected glory
Changing water into wine:
Rouse the faith of your disciples—
Come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
Make us willing to receive
More than we can yet imagine,
All the best you have to give:
Let us find your hidden riches,
Taste your love, believe, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, 1979

Music: John Goss, 1869

“Overcoming Our Reluctance and Pursuing Joy”

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.

*The Hymn of Discipleship

“The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy”

HANOVER

1. The king-dom of God is jus - tice and joy; for Je - sus re -
 2. The king-dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the cap - tives are
 3. The king-dom of God is chal-lenge and choice; be - lieve the good
 4. God's king-dom is come, the gift and the goal; in Je - sus be -

stores what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in
 freed, the sin - ners find place. The out - casts are wel - comed God's
 news, re - pent and re - joice! His love for us sin - ners brought
 gun, in heav - en made whole. The heirs of the king - dom shall

Je - sus we know, and here and here - af - ter the king-dom shall grow.
 ban-quet to share, and hope is a - wak-ened in place of de - spair.
 Christ to his cross, our cri - sis of judg-ment for gain or for loss.
 an - swer his call, and all things cry “Glo - ry!” to God All - in - all.

WORDS: Bryn Austin Rees, 1973
 MUSIC: William Croft, 1708
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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

“Processional of Joy”
Hal Hopson

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Ginger Graves. A 29-year member of First Baptist, Ginger is a member of the Worship Committee, the Music Ministries Council, and The Journey Sunday School class. She is also a member of the Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs, as well as an assistant for the Grade School Choir. Ginger and her husband, Tyson, have one son, Zachary.

The banner is given by Bobby and Nancy Moore Phillips in memory of their parents, Robert and Lillie Mae Phillips and Jack and Zua Moore.

As we continue our annual stewardship emphasis, please prayerfully consider your 2022 financial commitment and return your pledge card to the church office as soon as possible. As of January 13, 161 pledge cards totaling \$1,222,133 have been received.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$4,698 toward our goal of \$20,000.

2022 Contribution Envelopes are available on the first floor corridor leading to the Clothing Ministry; if you would like some but haven't gotten any in the past, contact Wayne Hager (whager@fbcraleigh.org) and he will go over options with you.

Habitat for Humanity has a workday scheduled for January 17 at the Maybrook Crossing Townhomes at 1525 Oxleymare Drive, Raleigh. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more information and a registration link.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, January 19: meal served at 5:00 p.m., program at 6:15 p.m. This week, we conclude our study, "Reading, Studying, and Being Transformed by the Bible," led by First Baptist member and Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at the Campbell University Divinity School, Dr. Barry A Jones. Covering some of the material in his 2019 book *Gaining a Heart of Wisdom*, Dr. Jones will use Psalm 90 as a concrete example. This week will focus on the canonical and contextual sense of the Bible as scripture that addresses us and shapes us.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu for January 19: hamburger steak with gravy, rice, and peas.

2022 Church Conference dates: mark your calendar now! January 26, February 23, March 30, May 25, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 16, and December 14.

The churchwide retreat at Caswell will be held on April 22-24. Space is limited so contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) now. Details may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

Calendar Highlights

January 16–23

Sunday, January 16

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)

Monday, January 17

- Church Office Closed (MLK holiday)
- 8:15 Habitat Workday (Maybrook Crossing Townhomes)

Tuesday, January 18

- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 5:30 Adult Ministries Council Meeting (Zoom)
- 6:15 Middle School Small Group (Blue Room)
- 6:30 High School Bible Study (Wade Home)
- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School Class (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 19

- 5:00 Meal Served (Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Mission Friends/RAs/GAs
- 6:15 Centerpoint (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:45 Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:50 Music for Children
- 7:30 Ensemble Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 20

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, January 23

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacons' Meeting (220/Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (302)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)