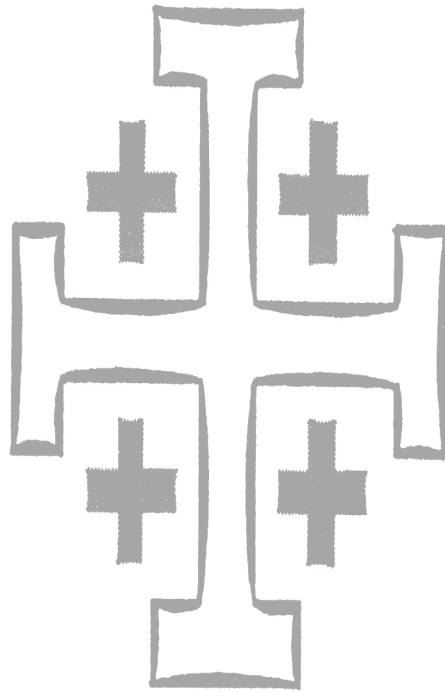


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent. As we journey ever closer to Holy Week, our texts today beckon us to forget, or lay down, the things and mindsets of old and press forward. For God is doing a new thing. While that seems like a good and right thing to do, it is a far-from-easy task. Today's worship builds upon the tensions created by our past experiences, our current circumstances, and our future hopes for our world. Together we will explore that tension and ponder how God might be calling us into a new and unique way through the wilderness we find ourselves in. Throughout the service we celebrate and continue to pray and sing for peace even in the midst of tension and conflict, trusting that God is ever at work in our lives and our world.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Lynn Lingafelt

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

"Meditation on FINLANDIA"
Jason Krug, arr.

Handbell Choir

The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 126

LEADER: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

PEOPLE: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

LEADER: then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

PEOPLE: **The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

LEADER: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

PEOPLE: **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

ALL: **Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

The Invocation

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done, so' loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er and

tone-ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be-lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the

Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession (unison)

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us to find your path through our wilderness journeys, that we might be agents of your peace and compassion and selflessness. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun.

The Act of Praise

“We Are Forgiven”

Hal Hopson

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -
giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 43:16–21

Dolores Bailey

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Philippians 3:4b–14

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

Michael Hood

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.**



1. We pray for peace, O God of love and jus - tice, as once a -
2. We pray for peace, O Christwhocalmed the wa - ters, who stilled the
3. We pray for peace, O Spir - it here a - mong us; your love em -



gain, we face a time of war. The meek and hum - ble
storm, who stilled dis - ci - ples' fear. You spoke with love and
bold - ens, judg - es and re - strains. Take an - y hate and



try, a - mid the cri - sis, to love and build, to nur - ture and re -
with a - maz - ing pow - er; be with us now when trou - ble is so
acts of im - pulse from us; make lead - ers wise, a - mid com - pet - ing



store. May lead - ers hear the truth the proph - ets teach us,
near. May lead - ers see the mir - a - cle you of - fer
claims. May we seek peace, O God of love and jus - tice;



that gifts of peace are well worth strug - gling for.
that words and deeds can calm the na - tions here.
may love and mer - cy be our high - est aims.

Text: Carolyn Whitley Gillette, 2022

Tune: Jean Sibelius, 1899

The Anthem

"I Believe"

Youth and Sanctuary Choirs

Mark A. Miller, arr.

Caroline Childrey, solo

The following lyrics are from an inscription discovered in a cellar that had been used by Jews hiding from Nazis during WWII in Cologne, Germany

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.

I believe in love even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God even when God is silent.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

"Frustrated with God, Praying for Peace"

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!”

WORDS: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.; sts. 2-5 from Isaiah 43:1-5
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

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DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

*The Choral Response

“Song of Hope”
Robert Hobby, arr.

Sanctuary Choir

May the God of hope go with us every day.
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984

Tune: Argentinian folk

*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

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Dolores Bailey. A nine-year member of First Baptist, Dolores is a member of the Everett Miller Friendship Sunday School class. She serves on the Counting Team and the Nominating Committee and as a volunteer in the Clothing Ministry. She and her husband Bob live in Garner.

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maddrey by their children and wives, Charles and Rose Maddrey and Joseph and Libby Maddrey.

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.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$7,048 toward our goal of \$20,000.

CBF has established a relief fund in response to the crisis in Ukraine. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details; you may donate at their website (www.cbfblog.com/2022/02/28/cbf-establishes-ukraine-relief-fund/).

Dr. Chapman will be out of the office through Tuesday, April 5. Michael Hood is preaching at today's service.

Due to required HVAC repairs, our Clothing Ministry will be closed from April 5 through the end of May. During this time, we will not be able to access our sorting and storage areas, so please hold your clothing donations until June 1, when we will begin accepting them again. Thanks for your support of this vital community ministry!

Centerpoint: Wednesday, April 6, in person and via Zoom; meal served at 5:00pm, program at 6:15pm. As part of our emphasis on remembering our heritage with a view to the future, Bill Leonard will join us via Zoom to talk about our Baptist heritage and how we might translate the principles that shaped our forebears into a vibrant form for the present day. See *Rose Window Weekly* for more details and the Zoom link.

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). Menu for April 6: shrimp and grits with okra.

Sign up on the FBC website (<https://fbcraleigh.org/saltshakers/>) for Salt Shakers, FBC's dinner groups, for 2022! Each individual or couple that signs up will be assigned to a dinner group with three other individuals or couples, and the groups will change for every dinner. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

Easter is April 17. Remember a loved one with a donation toward the purchase of Easter lilies for our sanctuary, with the remaining funds benefitting the Day Mission Fund. Forms — found in Sunday School boxes, on our website, or by following the link in the *Rose Window Weekly* — must be received with payment **no later than this Wednesday, April 6**.

Calendar Highlights

April 3–10

Sunday, April 3

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Michael Hood preaching (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Monday, April 4

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Open
- 6:00 MMiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)

Tuesday, April 5

- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 7:00 Properties Committee Meeting (301)

Wednesday, April 6

- 5:00 Meal Served (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Mission Friends/RAs/GAs
Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Middle School Small Group (Blue Room)
- 6:45 Children's Music (302/Music Suite)
- 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Room)

Thursday, April 7

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 6:30 HS Bible Study (Wade home)

Saturday, April 9

- 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt (Sanctuary/Capitol Grounds)

Sunday, April 10 *Palm Sunday*

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (FH)
- 6:30 Youth Program (FH/Blue Room)