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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Third Sunday of Easter, a season in which we celebrate the good news of resurrection and reflect upon its implications for our lives. Today's readings include multiple stories of calling, but we focus on the calling of Paul, recorded in the book of Acts. Paul's experience with the Risen Christ is different from Peter's and the other disciples'. It is dramatic and intensely personal, but like all people, Paul depends on the help of others to make sense of his experience. We are here today, lifting up songs of praise and offering prayers for the world, because we too need the help of others. We have encountered the Risen Christ in our own distinct way, nothing can take the place of personal experience, but we live out our faith in community with fellow believers.

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

"Bell Paean"
Derek Hakes

Handbell Choir
Sue Crocker, dir.

The Call to Worship (responsive)

Revelation 5:11-14

LEADER: Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

PEOPLE: **"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

LEADER: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

PEOPLE: **"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

LEADER: And the four living creatures said,

PEOPLE: **"Amen!"**

LEADER: And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Invocation

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball,
 5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all;
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all;

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WORDS: Edward Perronet, 1780; adapt. John Rippon, 1787
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793

CORONATION
 C.M. Repeats

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Psalm 30

- ¹I will extol you, O Lord,
for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- ²O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
- ³O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- ⁴Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
- ⁵For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
- ⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
- ⁷By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
- ⁸To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:
- ⁹"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?"
- ¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"
- ¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
- ¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

Sanctuary Choir

K. Lee Scott, arr.

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 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 Call to the Gospel

(Congregation to join on repeat)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: Celtic Alleluia
Finton O'Carroll, & Christopher Walker, 1985

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

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Tune: KELVINGROVE, 7 6 7 6 777 6; Scottish traditional; arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949

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

“We Are God’s People”

SYMPHONY

Unison

The musical score is written for a symphony and includes a unison vocal line. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head,
4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,
born of his Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our
for we have known it, the love of God out - poured; now
called to o - bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he
formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we
cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O
let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once given: O
wills us be a fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O
die a - lone, for on its own each em - ber los - es fire: yet
let us live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es Heaven.
let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

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

"Fanfare in B-flat"

Maureen Howell

Charles Ore

*The congregation may stand.

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The sanctuary flowers are placed by Dennis Francis and Rhonda Lowe in memory of their nephew CPL David M. Sonka, USMC and MPC Flex, who died May 4, 2013, in Afghanistan.

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 \$7,258 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, May 4; meal served at 5:00pm, program at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Join us for our annual Children's Music Celebration with the boys and girls of the Pre-K/ Kindergarten and Grade-School Choirs presenting a program of singing, ringing, and playing. On May 11, we will have our Missions Celebration with the theme of *Mission Olympics*.

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 May 4: orange chicken with fried rice.

During the month of May, we will be collecting personal wet wipes and baby wipes to be used by our Clothing Ministry clients. The Clothing Ministry gets lots of requests for wet wipes from their homeless clients to use as a substitute for when they can't access showers. You may place your donations in the marked drawer in the Lewis Lobby cabinet.

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Calendar Highlights

May 1-8

Sunday, May 1

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

Monday, May 2

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Closed
- 6:00 MMiH Rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, May 3

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

Wednesday, May 4

- 5:00 Meal Served (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Children's Music Celebration (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 8

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (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)