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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: As we continue to reflect upon the meaning of the resurrection on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we read in Acts 11 a story about the early church's struggle to discern who is welcome in the community created by the Risen Christ. We might assume that all are welcome, but in every generation, the church has felt a need for some boundaries and thus struggled to realize this ideal. The sermon examines the way in which early believers engage this struggle, we pray for a broader vision of God's realm, and we sing about the community to which we aspire. We sing of what we have not yet realized, as we lift up praise to the God of all creation, including all people.

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

"Prelude in B minor, Op. 18"
César Franck

Maureen Howell

The Introit

God welcomes all! Strangers and friends.
God's love is strong and it never ends.

Sanctuary Choir

The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 148

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord, all God's angels; praise the Lord, all the heavenly host!**

LEADER: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created.

PEOPLE: **God established them for ever and ever; the Lord fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

LEADER: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

PEOPLE: **Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

LEADER: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

PEOPLE: **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted; the glory of the Lord is above earth and heaven.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has raised up a horn for God's people, praise for all the faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God.**

ALL: Praise the Lord!

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven a -
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy Lord to
 4. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en
 long, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
 part, sing his prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise him, O
 joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
 bright, that giv - est us both warmth and light, O praise him, O
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O
 Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O praise him, O

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu ia!

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 L.M. Alleluias

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Lynn Loomis

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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 Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing”

Sanctuary Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

— Isaiah 48:20, KJV

The Gospel

John 13:31–35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

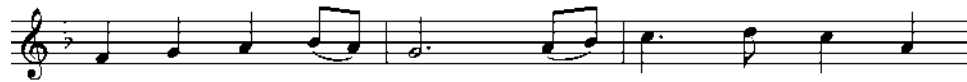
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Congregation joins on stanza 2



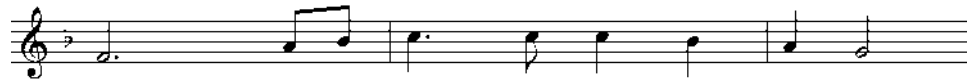
1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions;
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Tune: TWO OAKS, 968687 (D) with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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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

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

**1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no pride of birth,
the chosen family God has blessed
now spans the whole wide earth.**

**4 So, brothers, sisters, praise his name
who died to set us free
from sin, division, hate, and shame,
from spite and enmity!**

**2 For God in Christ has made us one
from every land and race;
has reconciled us through his Son
and met us with his grace.**

**5 In Christ there is no east or west—
he breaks all barriers down;
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed,
in Christ we live as one.**

**3 It is by grace we are assured
that we belong to him:
the love we share in Christ our Lord,
the Spirit's works within.**

—Michael Perry, 1979

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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Maureen Howell

Hal H. Hopson

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Lynn Loomis. A 24-year member of First Baptist, Lynn serves as Preschool Music and Movement leader and serves on the Nominating Committee and as the chair of the Social Committee. She is a member of the Sanctuary choir and the Everett Miller Friendship class and is a teacher for Grade 3–5 Sunday School class. Lynn and her husband Bill have a blended family of 5 daughters, 7 granddaughters, and 3 grandsons.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$10,758 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Our end-of-the-year picnic at Pullen Park (Shelter #4) is May 18 from 5:00–7:00pm. Make your reservation on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice). Stay after the meal for a scavenger hunt at 6:00pm! More details available in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

Theology on Tap is starting back up, and we would love for you to join us! This dinner group will meet on the third Thursday of the month, beginning May 19, at the Raleigh Times. All are welcome to join at 6:00pm for dinner, conversation and beverages! From there, the group will decide on a location for June.

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 many requests for wet wipes from their homeless clients to use 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 15–22

Sunday, May 15

- 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)

Monday, May 16

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Closed
- 5:00 Dream Team (Blue Room)
- 6:00 MMiH Rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, May 17

- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Wednesday, May 18

- 5:00 Picnic Meal Served (Pullen Park, Shelter #4)
- 6:00 Scavenger Hunt
- 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 19

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)

Saturday, May 21

- 11:00 Graveside Service for Doris Baldwin (Oakwood Cemetery)

Sunday, May 22

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacons' Meeting (220/Zoom)
- 2:00 Music Made in Heaven Concert and Reception (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)