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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the last Sunday of this season in which we celebrate the good news of resurrection. Like the early church often did in the Easter season, we begin with baptism, our identification with Christ in death and new life. We pray for the newest member of the body of Christ, Megan Archer, and for our own commitment to follow Jesus. We sing hymns of praise to the God who is at work for new life every day. We reflect upon the dramatic baptism story we read from Acts 16, realizing that every baptism story is dramatic in its own way. And then, we dedicate Anthony Filomena and seek God's blessing on his life and his parents' gifts of nurture and love as he claims his true identity as a beloved child of God.

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 Call to Worship

"Gathered in God's Name"

Sanctuary Choir

Michael Burkhardt

Gathered in God's name, called by God in this hour.

Gathered as one family in the name of love.

Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place.

Gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace.

Gathered in God's name, 'round the living Word.

Gathered as one family in the name of love.

The Invitation to Baptism (responsive)

LEADER: Let everyone who is thirsty come, says the author of Revelation, let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

PEOPLE: **Jesus is the water of life, and whoever drinks of this water will never be thirsty.**

LEADER: We come today to drink from the waters of baptism, to give witness to the truth that we are buried with Christ by baptism into death,

PEOPLE: **so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.**

LEADER: For as many of us as have been baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ.

PEOPLE: **There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.**

The Celebration of Baptism

Megan Elizabeth Archer

The Prayer of Blessing and Commitment

“Gathered in God’s Name”

Gathered in God’s name, ‘round the waters of grace.
claimed and marked by the Spirit in the name of love.

Congregation joins:

Refrain

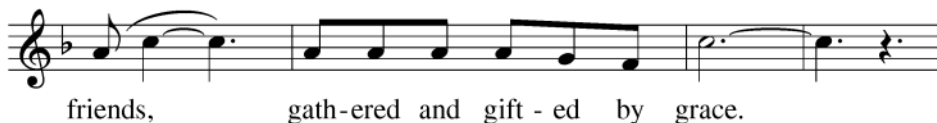
with great joy!



Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in



this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and



friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.



Gath - ered in God’s name ‘round the liv - ing



Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly



in the name of love, in the name of



slowing
love, in the name of love.

Unison

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion,
 tomb with Christ, our King; one with his ris - ing,
 sign of Christ, our King; born of one Fa - ther,

trust-ing his prom - ise, faith-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.
 freed and for - giv - en, thank-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.
 we are his chil - dren, joy - ful-ly now God's praise we sing.

WORDS: Michael Seward, 1981

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody; harm. David Evans, 1927

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BUNESSAN

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading

Acts 16:16–34

Lynn Marshbanks

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leader *All* *Leader*

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa - ters. All who are hun - gry,
come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa - ters.

Repeat as desired
All who are thirst - y,
There's e - nough for all. Final
all.

Detailed description: The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of three systems of music. The first system features a vocal line for the Leader and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'All who are thirst - y, come to the wa - ters. All who are hun - gry,'. The second system continues with 'come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa - ters.' The third system includes a 'Repeat as desired' section with the lyrics 'All who are thirst - y, There's e - nough for all.' and a 'Final' section with the lyrics 'all.'. The piano accompaniment uses chords and simple rhythmic patterns to support the vocal lines.

Words and Music Brian Wentzel, 2014

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.**

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

“Peace”

Sanctuary Choir

Kevin Siegfried, arr.

Peace unto Zion. Peace, peace to the faithful,
and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father.
When Zion shall be cleansed she shall flourish as a rose.
I will walk in her midst and will bless all those
with a tenfold blessing. And their sorrows shall cease,
for I'll cry upon her walls. Peace, peace, sweet peace.

Shaker song, ca. 1851
Enfield, New Hampshire

The Sermon

“Dramatic Baptism Stories”

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.

*The Hymn of Discipleship

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”
(Stanzas 1 & 2)

AR HYD Y NOS

(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex
so they may participate in the dedication of Anthony Filomena.)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda. 1983
Tune: Welsh traditional

The Dedication of Anthony Patrick Filomena, IV, son of Tony and Leah Filomena

LEADER: The nurture of children in faith is a sacred privilege and awesome responsibility. It begins with the commitment of parents and includes the love of the whole congregation. Today we present Anthony Patrick Filomena, IV, to the church and dedicate him to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

PARENTS: *We, his parents, do.*

LEADER: What can we affirm about Anthony?

PEOPLE: **That he is a child of God by creation, made in the image of God.**

LEADER: As Anthony grows in his understanding of God and himself, how will we help him to learn about his true status as beloved?

PEOPLE: **We will give him our love and include him in the life of the congregation.**

LEADER: As Anthony grows through different stages of life, what will we tell him about his story?

PEOPLE: **We will tell him about Abraham and Sarah, about Mary and Joseph, about Jesus and the people who have sought to follow him in this place.**

LEADER: What will we expect of Anthony?

PEOPLE: **We will look to the day when he will sit with us at the Lord’s Table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and confirm the heritage we seek to pass on to him.**

LEADER: Tony and Leah, do you, as parents, embrace your primary responsibility to nurture your child in faith?

PARENTS: *Yes, we do, for we long to pass on our heritage to him.*

LEADER: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for Anthony and all the children God entrusts to our care?

PEOPLE: **Yes, we do, for these children belong to us as well.**

LEADER: Then may God be with us and help us.

ALL: **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

*The Response “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” AR HYD Y NOS
(Stanza 3)

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

*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” Maureen Howell
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

*The congregation may stand.

The Invitation to Baptism is based on Revelation 22:17, John 4:10-14, Romans 6:4; Galatians 3:27-28.

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The sanctuary flowers for today's worship service are placed in honor of all their teachers by the Everett Miller-Friendship Sunday School class.

The Deacon on Call is Lynn Marshbanks. A member of First Baptist for 34 years, Lynn is a member of the Sharing Thoughts Sunday School class and the Evening Handbell Choir. Lynn and her husband, David Kelley, have three children, Anna, Jonathan, and Jane.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$10,858 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Like to sing? Like to have fun with a group? Like to try something different occasionally? Try singing with the choir for a day. This summer, the Sanctuary Choir is moving practices to Sunday morning and invites you to join them! On each of the final four Sunday mornings of July (July 10, 17, 24, & 31), our choir will gather at 9:05am for a 40-minute rehearsal of the music for that day only. Each week will be a different "one-and-done opportunity," as we prepare fresh music for presentation in *that* morning's worship. We'll pause for breakfast foods and Sunday School or more fellowship. After Sunday School, we'll reconvene to warm up and put on the finishing touches. Whether you've been in choir before or would like to join us for the first time, this is the chance for you! For further questions, email Warren (whowell@fbcraleigh.org).

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Calendar Highlights

May 29–June 5

Sunday, May 29

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Filomena Baby Dedication/M. Archer Baptism (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)

Monday, May 30 *Memorial Day*

- 10:00 Church office and clothing ministry closed

Tuesday, May 31

- Ministerial retreat
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Wednesday, June 1

- Ministerial retreat
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (choir room)

Thursday, June 2

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, June 5 *Graduation Sunday*

- 8:00 Senior breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)