

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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# THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

## TRINITY SUNDAY

June 12, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Trinity Sunday, a day of transition from the Easter season and the day of Pentecost to what is often called Ordinary Time which ends with the Reign of Christ Sunday. Trinity Sunday presents an opportunity to reflect upon the sacred mystery of one God being revealed in three persons. Thus, the texts all point to this mystery and both the hymns and the anthem allow us to lose ourselves in praise to the triune God. The homily, which is rooted in the reading from John 16, explores the implications of Jesus' teaching that the Spirit will guide us further into truth. What Jesus seems to be saying is that there is always more to know and understand about life and faith. The mystery of the Holy Trinity illustrates this truth. It is a reality larger than our capacity to grasp, which is why, in the words of a great hymn, we are lost in wonder, love, and praise. In communion, we move from learning more about God and faith to experiencing more. Then, as we dedicate Jennings Reed, we renew our commitment to lifelong learning.

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### 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

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"  
Richard Wold

Sue Crocker

The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalms 8

LEADER: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PEOPLE: **You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants**

LEADER: you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

PEOPLE: **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;**

LEADER: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

PEOPLE: **Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.**

LEADER: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

PEOPLE: **all sheep and oxen, and also beasts of the field,**

LEADER: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

PEOPLE: **O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

The Invocation

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful flesh thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826, alt.  
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Sam Carothers

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup>“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>22</sup>The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— <sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Romans 5:1–5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

BRIDEGROOM

*Unison*

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
 Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her  
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 peace be - yond com - pare: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

MUSIC: Peter Cutts, 1969

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The Homily

Christopher Chapman

“There Is Always More to Know and Understand”

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Anthem

“We Sing Your Praise”

Sanctuary Choir

Johann Michael Haydn

Sue Crocker, dir.

Elaine Holley & Beth McCollum, violins

We sing your praise, O Manna from on high,  
O Bread of life, Redeemer of the world:  
Holy, Holy, Holy, beyond measure, holy.  
Love’s redeeming work is done  
In this wondrous holy feast.

O Fount of life and Spring of water clear,  
O Word of God, we give you thanks and praise:  
Holy, Holy, Holy, beyond measure, holy.  
Love’s redeeming work is done  
In this wondrous holy feast.

— 18<sup>th</sup> c. Latin text, trans. Richard Proulx

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

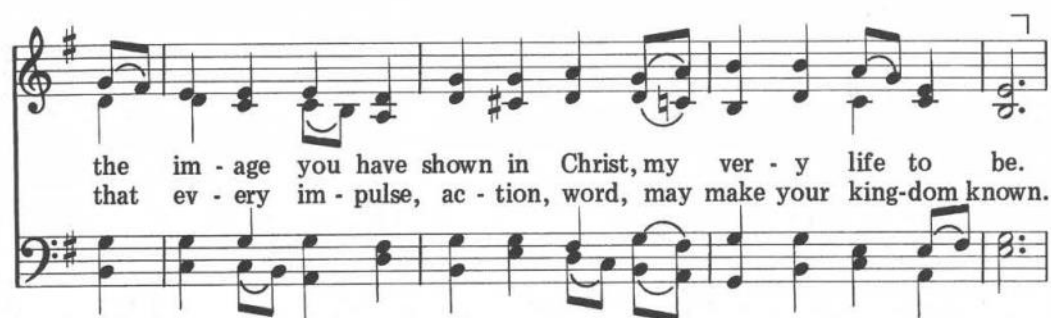
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*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.*

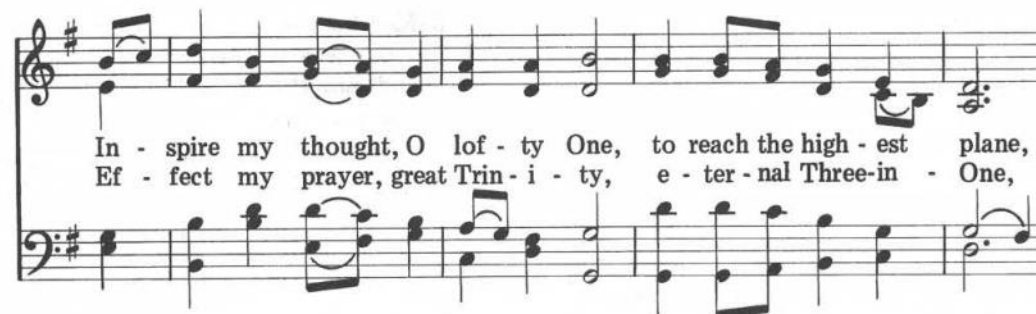
(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex  
so they may participate in the dedication of Jennings Jett Reed.)



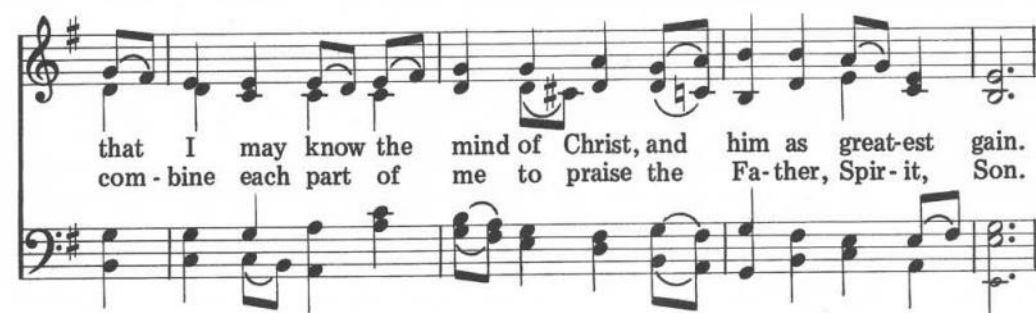
1. Make room with-in my heart, O God, that you may form in me  
2. Di - rect my will, O King of kings, sub - ject it to your own,



the im - age you have shown in Christ, my ver - y life to be.  
that ev - ery im - pulse, ac - tion, word, may make your king-dom known.



In - spire my thought, O lof - ty One, to reach the high - est plane,  
Ef - fect my prayer, great Trin - i - ty, e - ter - nal Three-in - One,



that I may know the mind of Christ, and him as great-est gain.  
com - bine each part of me to praise the Fa-ther, Spir - it, Son.

WORDS: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1973

MUSIC: Traditional English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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KINGSFOLD  
C.M.D.

The Dedication of Jennings Jett Reed, son of Chad and Leah Reed

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 Jennings Jett Reed 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 Jennings?

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

LEADER: As Jennings 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 Jennings 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 Jennings?

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: Chad 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 Jennings 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 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

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"  
Robert Powell

Sue Crocker

\*The congregation may stand.

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The sanctuary flowers are gratefully given in loving memory of O. H. and Madge Dillard by their family.

We thank Sue Crocker for being our substitute organist this morning.

The Deacon on Call is Margaret Clary. A 44-year member of First Baptist, Margaret serves on the Properties Committee and is the Meals on Wheels coordinator. She is co-leader of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and is a member of the Everette Miller Friendship class. She has two sons, Mark and Greg, and six grandchildren.

Keep the 11 students and 2 adults in your prayers as they depart today for the youth mission trip in Charlotte (returning Friday, June 17).

The clothing ministry has reopened for the community. Please note that we are in desperate need of men's spring and summer clothing! We appreciate your continued support of this ministry.

Theology on Tap's next gathering will be on Thursday, June 16, at Clouds Brewing (126 N West St). All are welcome to join us at 6pm for dinner, conversation, and beverages!

This summer, the Sanctuary Choir is moving practices to Sunday morning and invites you to join them! Sunday mornings July 10–31, the choir will gather at 9:05am for a 40-minute rehearsal of the music for that day only. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details, or contact Warren ([whowell@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:whowell@fbcraleigh.org)).

For our June mission project, we will collect infant formula for Catholic Parish Outreach to give to their clients. Only milk-based formula is needed — not soy-based. Any brand is acceptable and any type (ready-to-feed, mix-with-water, powder or liquid) is fine. Please place your donations in the marked drawer of the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby by the end of June.

The Heck-Jones offering provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work with ties to our church. Details may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*. Every gift helps, no matter how big or small. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many.

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**Calendar Highlights**  
**June 12-19**

Sunday, June 12–Friday, June 17

Youth mission trip to Charlotte

Sunday, June 12

9:45      Sunday School  
11:00      Worship/Communion/Reed Baby Dedication (sanctuary & YouTube)  
Japanese worship (226)

Monday, June 13

10:00      Clothing ministry open  
6:15      Finance Committee meeting (conference room/Zoom)

Tuesday, June 14

10:00      Staff meeting (conference room)  
10:45      WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Wednesday, June 15

7:00      Adult choir rehearsal (sanctuary/choir room)

Thursday, June 16

7:00      Band of Brothers (Zoom)  
5:00      Lorentzen/Jordan wedding rehearsal (sanctuary)  
6:00      Theology on Tap (Clouds Brewing)

Friday, June 17

4:30      Lorentzen/Jordan wedding (sanctuary)

Saturday, June 18

4:00      Dinner for the Podgaiskys (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, June 19

9:45      Sunday School  
11:00      Worship/Podgaiskys preaching (sanctuary & YouTube)  
Japanese worship (226)