

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
PENTECOST

June 5, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: This Sunday settles upon two beloved traditions, one of which is Graduation Sunday. Today our congregation will be led by our graduating high school senior students. These students are resilient, remarkably wise, and have exemplified what it means to be a leader within their own communities. We have much to glean from them. Today the students offer reflections on how our voices, when used with intentionality, have the potential to amplify that which is meaningful in our worlds. These reflections also challenge us to use our voices with intentionality both as individuals and a community of faith. It is a fitting claim, for today is also the day of Pentecost. Pentecost is a feast day that marks the closing of the Easter Season and celebrates the blessing of the Holy Spirit. It is based on the story in Acts where the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles with fire-like passion, giving vision and voice to the Apostles of the Church.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Be Thou My Vision" Owen Fulk, piano
Brent Edstrom, arr.

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 Greeting of Worshipers Michael Hood

The Passing of the Peace

LEADER: May the peace of Christ be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: Spirit of holy joy, run wild through us — Like a laughing child, mouth wide open, full of the wonder of being alive.

PEOPLE: **Spirit of grieving anger, blow wild through bending branches. Toss us out of our nice, cozy nests, to tumble and turn in your raging currents.**

LEADER: Drive us out of complacency, carry us into the unknown, demand of us dangerous choices.

PEOPLE: **Spirit of holy fire, burn wild. Destroy all that is dry, lifeless — dross that disguises the pure beauty of our true selves.**

LEADER: Spirit of life itself, flow wild through our veins, wrap yourself around our very bones, thread yourself through our DNA so we no longer know where we end and you begin.

ALL: **Wild, wild Spirit, draw us into your dance, your wild, wild, dance of love.**

TIME OF CENTERING

The Invocation

Descant, Vs. 4 and 7

Praise the love! Praise the love!

Flowing easily (♩ = 52)

1. There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians ev - ery - where:
2. Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:
3. When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed:
4. Still the Spir - it leads the fight, see - ing wrong and set - ting right:
5. When a strang - er's not a - lone, where the home - less find a home:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

"Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world."
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day!
 Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day!
 Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

*Small notes, instrument only

6. May the Spirit fill our praise,
 guide our thoughts and change our ways.
 God in Christ has come to stay.
 Live tomorrow's life today!

7. There's a Spirit in the air,
 calling people everywhere:
 Praise the love that Christ revealed,
 living, working in our world.

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The Morning Prayer

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.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Anthem

“A Clare Benediction”

John Rutter

Caroline Childrey, solo

Sanctuary Choir

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
May the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
May his Spirit be ever by your side.
When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;
When you wake, may he fill you with us grace.
May you love him and serve him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see his face.

The Pentecost Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The First Reflection

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reflection

The Gospel Reading

John 14:5–9, 12–17, 21–27

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

¹²“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” ²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Third Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Response

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

"It Is Well with My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin - not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

Refrain
 say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 ate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 send: "E - ven so" - it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Charge to the Graduates

Michael Hood

LEADER: Jacob departed from his parents and set out on a journey of self-discovery. Night fell, and Jacob—alone and cold—slept beneath the stars, using only a rock for a pillow. In the stillness of night, he dreamt of the angels, and received a blessing from God.

GRADUATES: *Dear God, we are grateful that you bless us. We pray that we will take time to be still and that by doing so we might find comfort, especially when we are alone.*

LEADER: Samuel lay in bed and heard a voice calling his name. He ran to the priest Eli, thinking that Eli wanted him. Eventually, Eli helped Samuel to realize that the voice was the voice of God. Samuel responded to God's voice and delivered God's message.

GRADUATES: *Dear God, we are grateful that you call out to us, especially when you call out repeatedly. Help us to listen for your voice, to trust that we hear you when we are alone. Help us to seek out others who can help us listen for your voice.*

LEADER: Mary learned from an angel that she would give birth to the Son of God. The events surrounding that birth were terrifying and confusing. While she had every right to be afraid, we are told that she "pondered these things in her heart," solitarily meditating upon her love for God and God's love for her.

GRADUATES: *Dear God, we are grateful that you offer us calm. When we are anxious or afraid, help us to ponder you, to contemplate our lives, to think upon our world. Help us to recognize and appreciate your ability to steady us when we are shaken.*

LEADER: Jesus spoke to a crowd of over 5000, fed them with loaves and fishes, and then dismissed the mob. He even sent his disciples away in a boat. The crowd dispersed, and Jesus went alone to a mountaintop to pray. Exhausted by the work that he had done and the daunting future that lay ahead, Jesus took time to be alone, to sit in nature, to pray, and to recharge.

GRADUATES: *Dear God, we are grateful that you help us to recharge. May we turn to you when we are weary. May we remember that there is power in solitude. May we seek renewal in your love.*

LEADER: Church, what have you to say to these graduates?

PEOPLE: **We promise to continue to teach, to nurture, to comfort, to challenge, and to love these high school graduates. They are members of our family, and we will hold them in our hearts. May they find God wherever they are going, and may they love God with all their hearts. Amen.**

The Presentation of the Gifts

The Benediction

The Graduates

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

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
Judith Maggs

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

THE GRADUATES



Nathan Bacon
Cleveland High School



Caroline Childrey
Broughton High School



Owen Fulk
Leesville Road High School



Ella Sasser
Broughton High School



Dylan Tucker
Athens Drive High School



Mary Jordan Tucker
Athens Drive High School

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The sanctuary flowers are given for today's worship service in honor of our 2022 high school graduates.

The Deacon on Call is John Rusher. A 33-year member, John is a member of the Unity Sunday School Class. He and his wife Mary Nash have three children: David, Tom, and Kelly.

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 \$10,858 toward our goal of \$20,000.

The clothing ministry will reopen for the community on Monday, June 6. Due to repair work on our building, we will begin accepting donations again on Sunday, June 12. 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).

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Calendar Highlights

June 5-12

Sunday, June 5 *Graduation Sunday*

8:00 Senior breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
 Japanese worship (226)

Monday, June 6

10:00 Clothing ministry re-opens

Tuesday, June 7

10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)

10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

7:00 Properties Committee meeting (301)

Thursday, June 9

7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, June 12

9:45 Sunday School

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