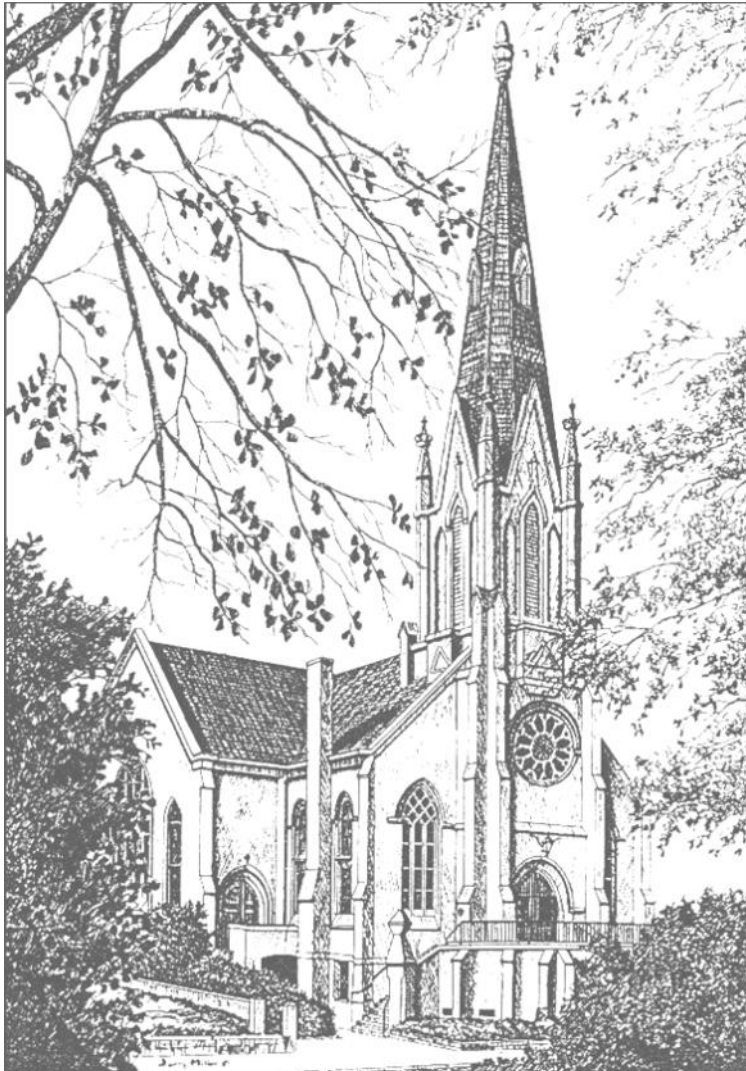


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. It is a season in which we reflect upon possibilities for growth, as indicated by the liturgical color green, and this service is shaped around the growth the attorney in the reading from Luke is challenged by Jesus to consider. It is not simply a matter of learning more about faith. This man knows what is most important — the love of God and neighbor. It is a matter of putting his beliefs into action. As we ponder the ways this story informs our reflection on growth, we pray for the courage to live out our faith in a world that desperately needs an authentic Christian witness, we sing of our love for God and commitment to a life of faithful service, and we deepen our love and commitment through the celebration of communion.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Leah Reed

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 F-sharp major, BWV 858”

Maureen Howell

J.S. Bach

The Call to Worship (responsive)

based upon Psalm 82

LEADER: God has taken a place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods our God holds judgment:

PEOPLE: **How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?**

LEADER: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

PEOPLE: **Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

ALL: **Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!**

The Invocation

Descant

6. His might-y ways by Mo - ses he made known,

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 2. O bless the Lord, my soul! Let not his mer - cies lie
 3. For God for-gives our sins and God re - lieves our pain;
 4. He crowns our life with love when ran-somed from the grave;

but gave the world his truth and grace by his be - lov - ed Son.

and help my tongue to praise his name whose mer - cies are di - vine.
 for - got - ten in un-thank-ful-ness, from lack of praise to die.
 the Lord who heals our sick - ness - es re - news our strength a - gain.
 he who re-deemed my soul from hell has sov - ereign power to save.

5. The Lord provides our food
 and gives the sufferers rest;
 the Lord has judgment for the proud
 and justice for the oppressed.

6. His mighty works and ways
 by Moses he made known,
 but gave the world his truth and grace
 by his beloved Son.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.; para. of Psalm 103
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FESTAL SONG
 S.M.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Amos 7:7-17

Dorothy Holley

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' ¹⁶"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'" ¹⁷Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation to join on verse 3

1. I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me (God can

use me) an - y time (yes an - y time) and an - y - where. (yes an-y -

where.) I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me

an - y time (yes an-y time) and an - y - where. (yes an-y - where.)

2. I'm gonna work... 3. I'm gonna pray... 4. I'm gonna sing...

Words and music: African-American spiritual

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 Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.

Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.

Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honor is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.

His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendor of the living God.

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

The Sermon

"Something More Than Right Answers"

Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Call to the Table

"Come to the Table of Grace"

1. Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the
ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2. Come to the table of peace...
3. Come to the table of love...
4. Come to the table of joy...

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.

*The Hymn of Discipleship

“I Love You, My Jesus”

LOVE TO CHRIST

1. I love you, my Je - sus, I love you, my Lord;
 2. O Je - sus, my Sav - ior, with you I am blest,

I love you my Sav - ior, I love you, my God:
 my life and sal - va - tion, my joy and my rest:

I love you, I love you, and that you well know;
 your name be my theme, and your love be my song;

but how much I love you my ac - tions will show.
 your grace shall in - spire me and keep my heart strong.

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

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"
Ernest Sands

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Dorothy Holley. A 17-year member and first-term deacon, Dorothy is a member of the Sharing Thoughts Sunday School class and is an assistant leader for the GAs. She has two children, Elaine and John.

The sanctuary flowers are given by Rebecca, Ellen, and Lawrence Clayton in thankfulness for the life of Ivie Lawrence Clayton, a life well-lived.

Sympathy to Judith Vick on the July 1 death of her brother, Reginald Vick.

Be in prayer for the 19 students and 4 adults going on the youth beach retreat to Pine Knoll Shores, which leaves tomorrow and returns on Friday.

It's time for JULY CHOIR! Beginning today, the Sanctuary Choir is moving practices to Sunday mornings for the month of July and invites you to join them — breakfast after practices, no robes, and singing from the sanctuary floor instead of the choir loft! We will gather at 9:05am in the choir room for a 40-minute rehearsal of the music for that day only. Contact Warren (whowell@fbcraleigh.org) with any questions.

For the July mission project, in conjunction with this year's Vacation Bible School, we will collect donations for Camp Hope, sponsored by Interact. The items needed are: beach towels (thinner ones that dry quickly), loofahs, large spray sunscreen, and large bug repellent spray. You may bring your donations during VBS later in the month or place them in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby anytime during July. You may also donate via electronic giving (Give+ or kiosk only) or by check as well (make your check payable to FBC and put "Camp Hope VBS Mission Project" in the memo line). See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

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. As of July 7, we have received \$1,798.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$12,083 toward our goal of \$20,000.

The VARIETY SHOW & ICE CREAM SOCIAL is looking for performers for the upcoming variety show on August 21. Email Warren (whowell@fbcraleigh.org) by July 24 to sign up or if you have any questions. A social with homemade ice cream will follow, and childcare will be available. The Social Committee is looking for contributions of homemade ice cream; email Lynn Loomis (lynn.loomis@gmail.com) if you'd like to bring some. More information to come!

Calendar Highlights

July 10–17

Sunday, July 10

- 9:05 Adult choir rehearsal (choir room)
- 9:40 Choir breakfast
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Communion (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)

Monday, July 11–Friday, July 15

Youth beach retreat to Pine Knoll Shores

Monday, July 11

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (CR/Zoom)

Tuesday, July 12

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

Thursday, July 14

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Saturday, July 16

- 8:00 Senior Night (FH/Blue Room)

Sunday, July 17

- 9:05 Adult choir rehearsal (choir room)
- 9:40 Choir breakfast
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)

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