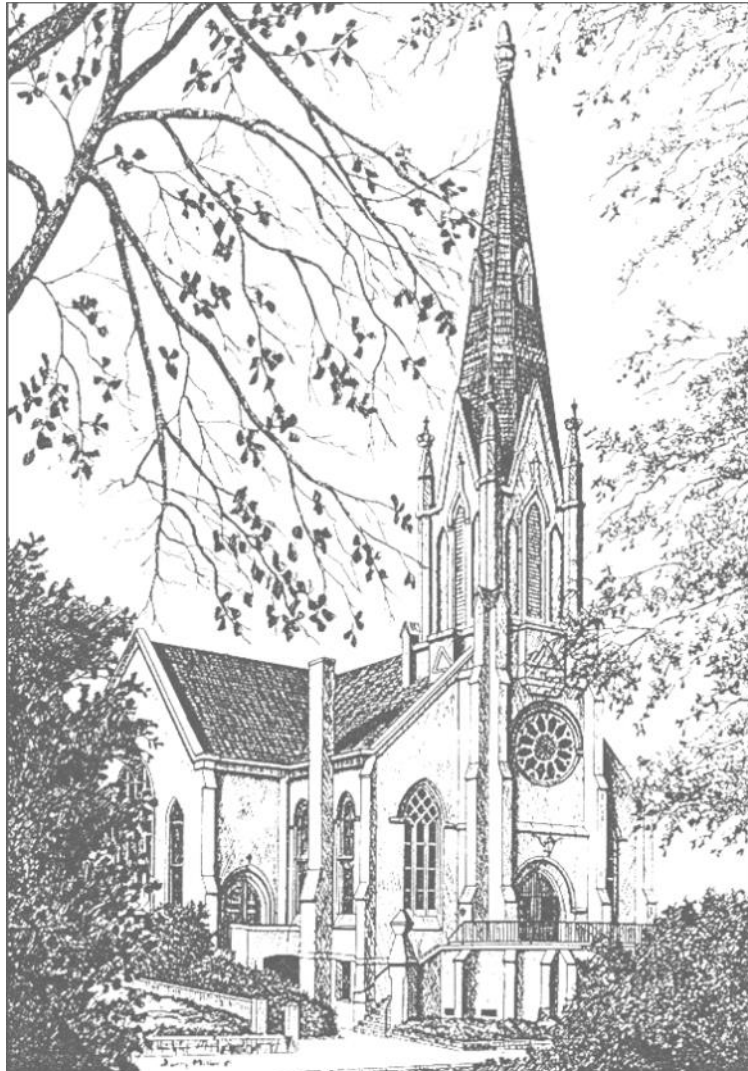


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
RALEIGH, NC

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July 24, 2022

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, we begin worship with the celebration of baptism. Music and prayer surround the ritual which marks our beginning of a lifelong journey of discipleship. The texts all address different aspects of this journey. The reading from Genesis illustrates the value of honesty. The passage from Colossians emphasizes the importance of faithfulness. The narrative from Luke examines the nature of prayer. The sermon reflects on this latter concern which is central to Christian faith, in fact, almost all faiths. The hymn of discipleship is an eloquent and ancient form of prayer which includes this petition, "Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where-e'er our changeful lot is cast, glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast." Amen, may it be so.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

"Deep River"  
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Maureen Howell

The Greeting of Worshipers

Lynn Lingafelt

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

(Congregation invited to join on repeats)

Leader All  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God for the wa - ters of life.

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## The Response

**Thanks be to God for the waters of life,  
thanks be to God for the waters of life.**

## \*The Hymn of Praise

## "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Anthem

“Shall We Gather at the River”  
John Carter, arr., quoting *Deep River*

July Choir  
Greg Flowers, soloist

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.  
Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.  
Deep river, my home is over Jordan,  
I want to cross over into campground.  
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1864  
and African-American Spiritual

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Genesis 18:20–32

Maria Childrey

<sup>20</sup>Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.” <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” <sup>26</sup>And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup>Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup>He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup>Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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.**

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

BEACH SPRING

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!**

**O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,**

**all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?**

**Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

Words: Joseph M. Scriven, c, 1855

Music: Benjamin F. White, 1844

The Sermon

“Teach Us To Pray”

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.*

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of  
 2. Thy truth un - changed has ev - er stood; thou sav - est  
 3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to  
 4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, where - e'er our  
 5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth im -  
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee thou art  
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the foun - tain -  
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious smile we  
 mo - ments calm and bright; chase the dark night of sin a -

parts, we turn un - filled to heed thy call.  
 good, to them that find thee all in all.  
 head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.  
 see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.  
 way, shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

WORDS: From the Latin, 12th C.; tr. Ray Palmer, 1858, alt.  
MUSIC: Henry Baker, 1854

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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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
Maureen Howell

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\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Maria Childrey. Maria is a 29-year member of First Baptist and is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Formations Sunday School class. Maria and her husband Tom have three daughters: Katie, Ann, and Caroline.

The banner in the sanctuary today is sponsored by Shirley and John Hobson; Lauren, Nick, Caroline, and Savannah Bradley; Joanne and Randy Canady; and Donna and Keith Hardin in memory of Polly Wilkins Garrard, Sam Garrard, and John Wilkins.

Sympathy to Joann Cooper on the July 15 death of her brother Bill Ashley and to Nancy Jo Fleming on the death of her husband Bob on July 19.

Be in prayer for the 4 students and 2 adults away on the high school senior trip to Atlanta, which returns on Monday.

Next week is the last week our special July Choir will practice on Sunday morning and it's your last chance to join them — breakfast after practice, no robes, and singing from the sanctuary floor instead of the choir loft! Meet us at 9:05am in the choir room for a 40-minute rehearsal of the music for that day only. Contact Warren ([whowell@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:whowell@fbcraleigh.org)) with any questions.

You are invited a piano recital by Owen Fulk next Sunday, July 31, at 3:00pm in the sanctuary. Reception to follow.

As we plan for the resumption of Wednesday night programming in September, the ministerial staff would like some input from you. Your input will be greatly appreciated by us and by the Adult Ministries Council. Please go to our online survey at <https://forms.gle/8qAQT7G7zCNr5okx8>.

FBC proudly presents a Summer Variety Show & Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 21, at 7:00pm. This fun evening of entertainment and inspiration showcases the multi-faceted talents of the FBC community, offering one solid hour of entertainment celebrating summer with gratitude, grace, and laughter. Homemade ice cream to follow. Save the date and invite a friend. Email Lynn Loomis ([lynn.loomis@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.loomis@gmail.com)) if you'd like to bring some homemade ice cream.

For the July mission project, in conjunction with this year's Vacation Bible School, we will collect donations for Camp Hope. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for items needed as well as e-giving options. 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.

The Heck-Jones offering provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work with ties to our church. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many. As of July 21, we have received \$2,173.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$12,283 toward our goal of \$20,000.



**Calendar Highlights**  
**July 24–31**

Sunday, July 24–Thursday July 28

5:00 Vacation Bible School (building-wide)

Sunday, July 24

9:05 Adult choir rehearsal (choir room)

9:40 Choir breakfast

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship/Joshua Carter baptism (sanctuary & YouTube)  
Japanese worship (226)

5:00 Vacation Bible School (Building-wide)

Monday, July 25

10:00 Clothing ministry open

2:00 Funeral for Bob Fleming (sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, July 26

10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)

10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Thursday, July 28

7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, July 31

9:05 Adult choir rehearsal (choir room)

9:40 Choir breakfast

9:45 Sunday School

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

3:00 Owen Fulk's piano recital and reception (sanctuary)

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