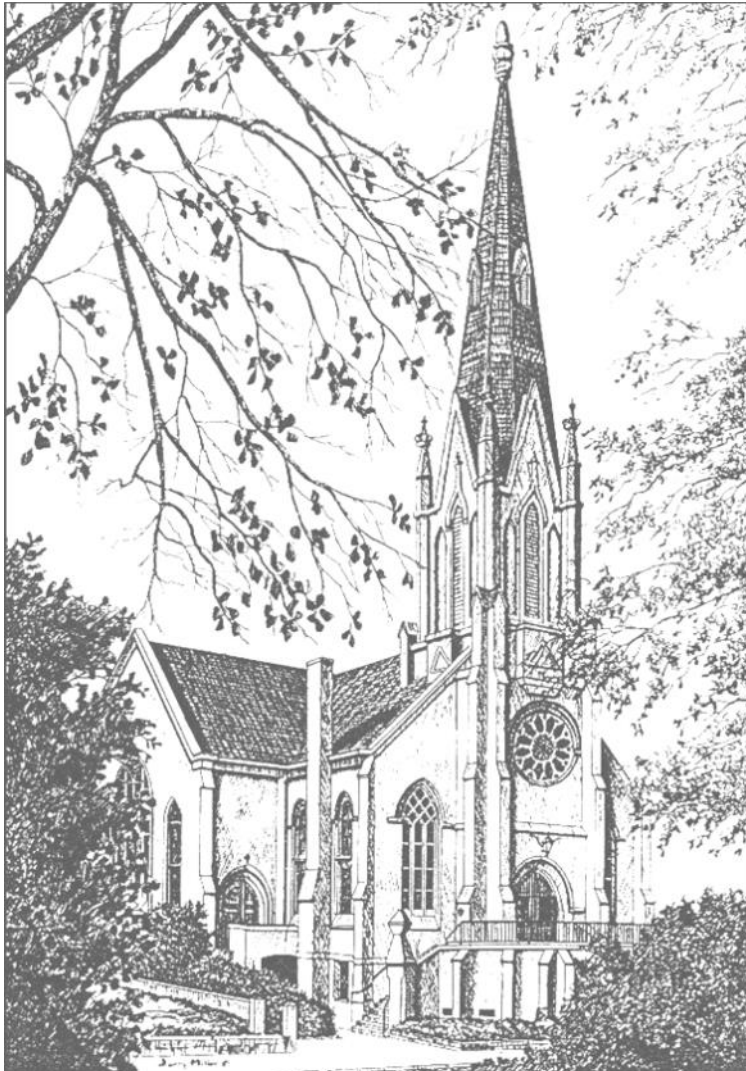


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, and the eve of the Independence Day holiday. Each of our scripture lessons beckons us to contemplate God's call for us to live in community with one another as neighbors and friends, particularly when there is tension. It is a fitting set of readings for the times we find ourselves in. While tension builds up around us nationally and internationally, our scriptures call us to be agents of peace, healing, and reconciliation in the midst of it. Ultimately our Gospel lesson challenges us to proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand. So we sing and celebrate the commission to go and tell that kind of story. Meanwhile our sermon explores how we can navigate tension and conflict in our world in a way that remains faithful to Christ's call to share the good news.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Warren Howell

The Invocation

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

"I Love To Tell the Story"
Charles Ore

Maureen Howell

The Call to Praise (responsive)

based upon Psalm 30

LEADER: I will praise you, O God. I cried to you for help and you healed me.

PEOPLE: **Sing praises, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

LEADER: For while God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.

PEOPLE: **Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

LEADER: You have turned my mourning into dancing.

PEOPLE: **My soul will praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed— great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

2 Kings 5:1-14

Dolores Bailey

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Galatians 6:7-16

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“What Shall I Render to My God”

Sanctuary Choir

Folk Hymn/Austin Lovelace, arr.

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy's store?
I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace and to His glory live.
My vows I will to His great name before His people pay,
And all I have, and all I am, upon His altar lay,
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whate'er is mine.
Born in Thy family below, and by redemption Thine.
Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv'n,
Till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heav'n.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Morning Prayer

Michael Hood

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.**

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as
 sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from
 glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

Refrain

noth - ing else can do.
 God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in
 I have loved so long.

glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

WORDS: A. Catherine Hankey, 1866
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

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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 to the World!”

SINE NOMINE



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray; the
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap -
Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
nights of tears give way to joy - ous day, As
I am with you 'til the age shall end, When



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space. Al -
ser - vant Church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
all the hosts of glo - ry cry “A - men!”



le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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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

“Postlude on SINE NOMINE”
Charles Ore

Maureen Howell

*The Post-postlude

“Semper Fidelis March”
John Philip Sousa

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Ron Maness, a first-term deacon and a 12-year member of First Baptist. He is a member of the Everette-Miller Friendship Sunday School class and serves on the Community Ministries Board as well as a volunteer in the Clothing Ministry. Ron and his wife Laura reside in Durham.

Dr. Chapman is away on vacation through Saturday, July 9. Today, while he is away, Michael Hood is preaching.

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.

It's time for JULY CHOIR! The Sanctuary Choir is moving practices to Sunday morning for the month of July 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).

Vacation Bible School is BACK — and it's for ALL AGES! Mark your calendar for July 24-28 from 5:45–8pm (with optional supper at 5pm) for intergenerational fun and learning as we explore models of peace in the Bible. Hard copies of the registration are available at church, or you may register on the FBC website (<https://fbcraleigh.org/vbs2022/>); the deadline is July 6. Electives will fill up on a first-come-first-served basis, so sign up now! Also, be sure to make reservations for supper if you wish to come. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details or contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) with any questions.

For anyone interested in sponsoring a banner or providing flowers for the sanctuary during the month of August, please contact Myra Brickell (919-812-6680 or myrabrickell@gmail.com).

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 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.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$12,058 toward our goal of \$20,000.

The VARIETY SHOW & ICE CREAM SOCIAL is looking for performers for our 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 3–10

Sunday, July 3

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

Monday, July 4 *Independence Day*

Church office and clothing ministry closed

Tuesday, July 5

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 7:00 Properties Committee meeting (301)

Thursday, July 7

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Friday, July 8

- 5:00 Youth outing to Durham Bulls game

Saturday, July 9

- 2:00 Memorial service for Jane Suggs; reception following (sanctuary/FH)

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)

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