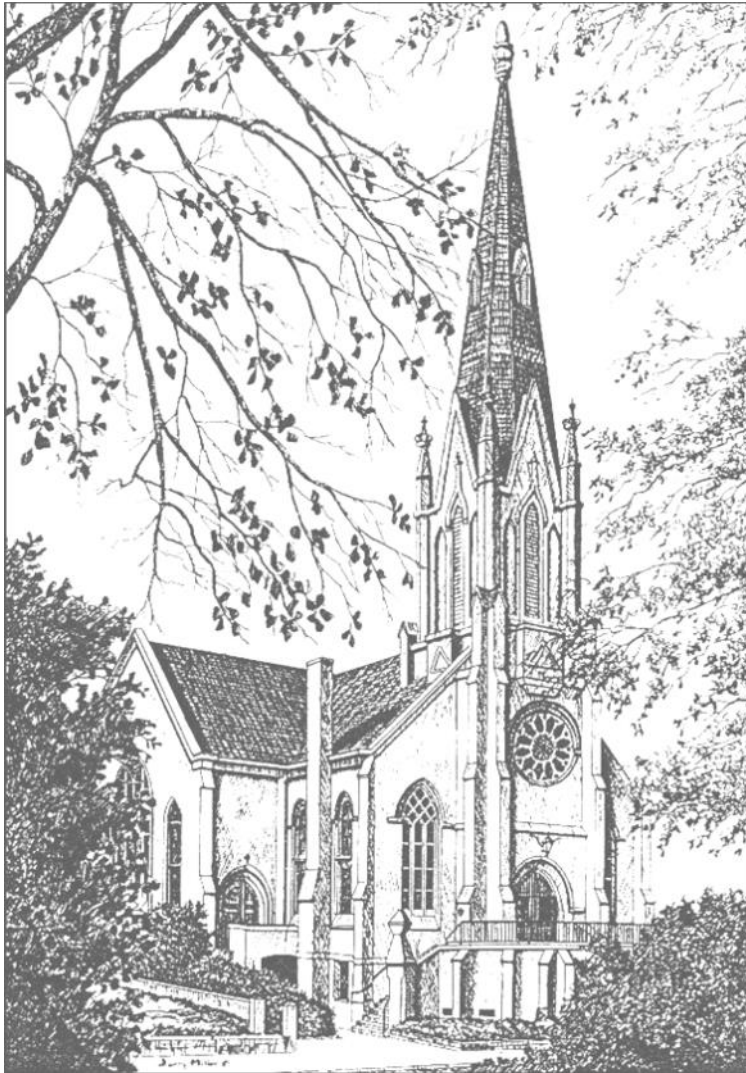


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Worship today is shaped by the interrelated themes of God's goodness and mercy, and our calling to live a different kind of life, one shaped by God's character. The reading from Hosea describes a God whose compassion overrides any instinct to punish Israel for unfaithfulness. The reading from Colossians calls us to seek the things that are above where Christ is. In the reading from Luke, Jesus points out the folly of accumulating more and more things while having an impoverished relationship with God. We respond to these truths by offering praise through a rich diversity of sacred music and by choosing to live in a different way from the world around us, a way shaped by the character of God and the teachings of Jesus, the way of kindness and compassion, generosity and love. In so doing, we worship God and offer the world a better path.

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

"Holy Manna"
Mark Patterson

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

LEADER: Listen, all who are fleeing from the Holy One; God is calling us; God has called us together.

PEOPLE: **O give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: God is eager to put loving arms around us. God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

PEOPLE: **God fills the hungry with good things. Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.**

LEADER: Set your minds on things that are above. Put to death your earthly disobedience.

PEOPLE: **God leads us to a new identity, to new life. We seek renewal in the image of our Creator.**

The Invocation

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al-might - y power has made, in mer - cy he is
 3. We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace
 glo - ry. Let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the won -

sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and
 er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there
 to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who
 drous sto - ry. Cast ev - ery i - dol from its throne; the

ev - ery grief he gen - tly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; tr. Frances Cox, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566; harm. Heinrich Reimann, 1895

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Hosea 11:1–11

Randall Burnette

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Colossians 3:1–17

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

“Thanks Be to God” (Psalm 107:1-9)

Thanks be to God, ev - `ry heart now be joy - ful.

Thanks be to God, re - joice and sing.

**Give thanks to God, who all goodness has brought us;
God, whose great love shall redeem us forever;
From earth's wide corners God's mercy has sought us;
God's redemption depart from us never. [Refrain]**

**Hear when we call from amid desolation,
Starving for live, yet more frightened of living;
When you, O Lord, offer true consolation,
Let us respond with a song of thanksgiving. [Refrain]**

**Hear when the earth in its rage would destroy us;
Wind and the sea steal our passion for living.
When quiet shelter and love you provide us,
Let us respond with a song of thanksgiving. [Refrain]**

Words: Hal H. Hopson and Michael Morgan, *alt.*
from *Psalter for Christian Worship*, 1999
Music: *STAR IN THE EAST, Southern Harmony*, 1835

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.**

The Anthem

“Now Is the Cool of the Day”

Jean Ritchie

Eliza Meyer, soloist

July Choir

My Lord, he said unto me,
Do you like my garden so fair?
You may live in this garden
if you keep the grasses green,
And I'll return in the cool of the day.

Now is the cool of the day,
Now is the cool of the day;
O this earth is a garden, the garden of my Lord,
And he walks in his garden
In the cool of the day.

Then my Lord, he said unto me,
Do you like my pastures of pure?
You may live in this garden
if you keep the waters clean,
And I'll return in the cool of the day.

Then my Lord, he said unto me,
Do you like my pastures of green?
You may live in this garden
if you will feed my lambs,
And I'll return in the cool of the day.

Words and Music: Jean Ritchie, 1971

The Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

HOLY MANNA

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.**

**Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.**

Words: Robert L. Edwards, 1961
Music: from *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

The Sermon

“Is There Anything Different about Us?”

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. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I

Refrain

want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. In my heart, in my
 want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
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heart, Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 in my heart, Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American Spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Irregular

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction

The Response

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

Argentinian Folk Melody

July Choir

VBS Peace Songs Band

May the God of hope go with us every day.
 Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
 May the God of justice speed us on our way,
 Bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.
 Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
 Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Words: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984

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

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Randall Burnette. A 26-year member and first-term deacon, Randall is a member of the Formations Sunday School class. He and his wife Marianna have two grown children, Lindsey and Noah.

Today's flowers are given by Lynn and Bill Loomis as a reminder to continue prayer for our brothers and sisters of Ukraine.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the July 26 birth of William Frazier Plyler ("Bill") to Will and Ferebee and big sister Marian.

Today is the last day of the July Choir and we thank all who sang with us this month and/or provided breakfast food after our Sunday morning rehearsals. We will resume our Wednesday evening rehearsals this week at 7:00pm (through August) and we invite you to join us as we prepare for weekly services and our upcoming Summer Variety Show on August 21.

You are invited to a piano recital by Owen Fulk today at 3:00pm in the sanctuary. Reception to follow in the Lewis Lobby.

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

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) if you'd like to bring some homemade ice cream.

For our August mission project, we are collecting items to be distributed to various Raleigh schools to equip classrooms. Those items are: dry erase markers, regular colored markers, gallon Ziplock bags, pens, pencils, white copy paper, colored card stock, and Papermate flair pens (colors). Your donations may be placed in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby anytime during the month of August.

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 28, we have received \$2,303.

Calendar Highlights July 31–August 7

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/Lewis Lobby)

Monday, August 1

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 5:00 Dream Team meeting (Blue Room)
- 7:00 Handbell rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 3

- 6:00 Handbell rehearsal (302)
- 7:00 Adult choir rehearsal (choir room/sanctuary)

Thursday, August 4

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, August 7

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Communion (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)
- 4:00 Summer Fun Time (Lingafelt home)

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