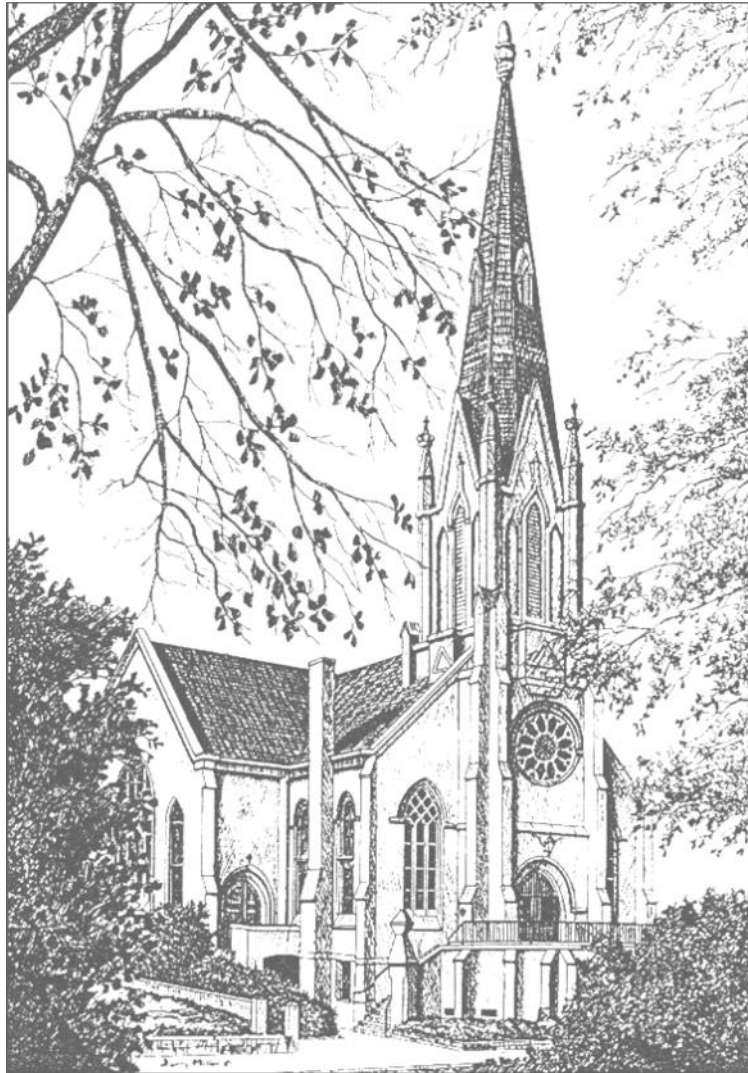


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 21, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. It is a season to consider possibilities for growth, and thus the liturgical color is green. The lectionary texts for this day invite us to expand our understanding of God as they present many different images for God — rock of refuge, present deliverer, consuming fire, and patient vineyard owner. The worship music deepens our exploration of this imagery. The reading from Jeremiah and the larger story of the prophet's ministry invite us to reflect on our calling in more depth. Far from bringing a sense of peace, Jeremiah's calling brings a lifelong struggle yet also a deep sense of fulfillment. Through a first-person narrative, the sermon explores Jeremiah's experience and its implications for our calling and discernment of God's purposes.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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 Prelude

"Meditation on REPTON"
Robert A. Hobby

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 71

LEADER: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

PEOPLE: **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

LEADER: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

PEOPLE: **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

LEADER: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

PEOPLE: **Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

The Invocation

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -
 thee, sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him! Let the A - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain: glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Erneuerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Jennifer Bissette

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Hebrews 12:18–29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

“In Stillness, Your Word”

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 70. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "In still - ness, your Word, in dark - ness, your Light,". The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "in dy - ing, your Life, and in liv - ing, your Love." The piano accompaniment features chords and some moving lines, particularly in the bass clef.

Words and Music by Daniel Charles Damon, 2014

The Morning Prayer

Lynn Lingafelt

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 13:10–17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Solo

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
Calvin Hampton

Warren Howell

The Sermon

“Arguing with God”

Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response (unison)

Gracious and Loving God, Rock of Refuge, Consuming Fire, we seek your calling in our lives and we long to discern what you are up to in this majestic yet chaotic world. Grant us wisdom to be honest with our questions and doubts, courage to keep wrestling with the truth until we have a deeper appreciation of it, and grace to find joy in our purpose, trusting that it is part of your larger purposes of justice and love. In the name of the Christ who calls us to follow him in the way of the cross and through the power of the Spirit active throughout his life and ministry, we pray, amen.

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.

Unison

1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find your
 3. We mar - vel how your saints be - come in
 4. In what you give us, Lord, to do, to -

once we heed your call: to live ac - cord - ing
 yoke is hard to bear; if world - ly pres - sures
 hin - dranc - es more sure; whose joy - ful vir - tues
 geth - er or a - lone, in old rou - tines and

to your word, and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored, that
 fray the mind, and love it - self can - not un - wind its
 put to shame the cas - ual way we wear your name, and
 ven - tures new may we not cease to look to you, the

you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
 tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 cross you hung up - on - all you en - deav - ored done.

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 MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888
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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

“Praise to the Lord”

Maureen Howell

Emma Lou Diemer

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Jennifer Bissette. A seven-year member and a first-term deacon, Jennifer serves as the Sunday School Director and is a member of the Grains of Sand Sunday School class. She is also a member of the Social Committee and co-teaches the Kindergarten Mission Friends class on Wednesday nights. She and her husband Jay have two children, CeCe and Jackson.

The sanctuary flowers are given in honor of our church staff for their hard work, devotion, and love to the church by Greg and Marchelle Flowers.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the August 11 birth of Nora Grace Harker to parents Anza and Adam and big sister Ava.

FBC proudly presents *A Summer Variety Show & Ice Cream Social* tonight at 7:00pm. This fun evening of entertainment and inspiration will feature an array of soloists, children, choirs, and instrumentalists presenting gospel, Broadway, folk, jazz, and more. Ice cream social to follow!

Church Conference: Wednesday, August 24, in person and via Zoom; meal served at 5:15pm, meeting at 6:15pm. See *Rose Window Weekly* for Zoom link and documents.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu for August 24 is: chicken pot pie, fried apples, herb potatoes, and salad with bread.

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 Rise Against Hunger meal packing day will be next Sunday, August 28, immediately following worship and a quick lunch in the Fellowship Hall. There are jobs for all ages and abilities. We have seated jobs for seniors, others that require the unending energy of our youth, and plenty of jobs in between. Sign up at events.riseagainsthunger.org/FBC.

Centerpoint returns on Wednesday, September 7, with a theme of "Re-engaging Community" to guide us in imagining ways to bring our community of faith back together after two years of a hybrid, adjusted schedule. We have made some slight changes in the timing of supper and programming: supper begins at 5:15pm, and all programming ends at 7:15pm. 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. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many. As of August 18, we have received \$4,363.

Calendar Highlights

August 21-28

Sunday, August 21

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 *A Summer Variety Show & Ice Cream Social* (sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)

Monday, August 22

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:30 Preschool/grade school Sunday School leadership meeting (lounge)

Tuesday, August 23

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 4:00 5th Grade pizza/pool party (Lake Park pool/Lingafelt home)
- 5:30 Adult Ministries Council meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 24

- 10:00 High school Bible study (Blue Room)
- 5:15 Meal served (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 25

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, August 28

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)
- 12:00 Lunch/Rise Against Hunger meal packing (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Youth kick-off (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

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