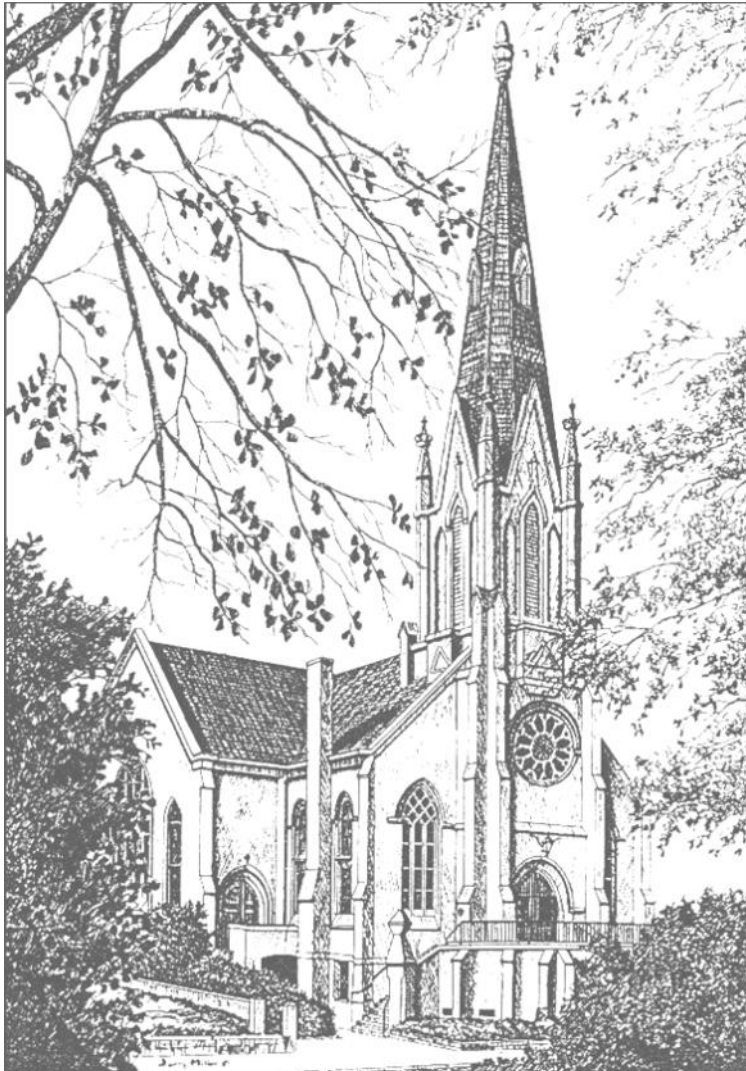


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. It is a season to ponder possibilities for growth, and toward this end, all of the texts call us to action of one kind or another. The sermon, based on the reading from Luke, explores Jesus' word for his followers about not being defined by fear, but rather giving ourselves to the work of God's realm. We gather today as one way of fulfilling this calling. Through fervent prayers, heartfelt music, and the celebration of communion, we give ourselves wholly to God in worship, and then we depart to live out our faith in an anxious world, trusting the testimony of 1 John 4:18 that perfect love casts out fear.

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

"Gigue"
Francesco Maria Veracini

Elaine Holley, violin
John Holley, viola

The Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Psalm 50

LEADER: The Beloved, through the energy of Love, brought forth the world.

PEOPLE: **From the rising to the setting sun, Love radiates out to all the nations, perfect in beauty, calling to all peoples:**

LEADER: "Gather around, my loyal friends, all who by repentance and recompense follow the Inner Way."

PEOPLE: **The universe forever proclaims justice, and the Beloved's Indwelling Presence guides those who hear with their heart's ear.**

The Invocation



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath-er us in, the
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race. Gath-er us in, the
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day. Gath-er us in and



lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
 rich and the haughty; gath-er us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so
 wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and
 hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and make us your own; gath-er us in, all



we shall a-wak-en; we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 meek and so low-ly; give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 peo-ples to-geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

Dawn Wade

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; ¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. ¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. ¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; ²⁰but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

1. Re - joi - ce in God's saints, to - day and all days; a world with - out
 2. Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way; some need to with -
 3. Re - joi - ce in those saints, un - praised and un - known, who bear some - one's
 4. Re - joi - ce in God's saints, to - day and all days; a world with - out

saints for - gets how to praise. Their faith in ac - quir - ing the
 draw, the bet - ter to pray; some car - ry the gos - pel through
 cross or shoul - der their own; they shame our com - plain - ing, our
 saints for - gets how to praise. In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they

hab - it of prayer, their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 fire and through flood: our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 com - forts, our cares: what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 prove it is true: the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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 MUSIC: William Croft, 1708
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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.**

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Scottish Folk Tune/Hal H. Hopson, arr.

Elaine Holley, violin

Jesus took the bread and blest it, then gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat this bread. This bread is my own body.

Do this and remember me and eat.

Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, then gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and drink this cup. This cup is my own blood.

Do this and remember me and drink.

Thanks to God forever.

— paraphrased from 1 Cor. 11:24-26

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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. I then shall live as one who's been for - giv - en;
 2. I then shall live as one who's learned com - pas - sion;
 3. Your king - dom come a - round and through and in me,

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my
 I've been so loved that I'll risk lov - ing too. I know how
 your power and glo - ry, let them shine through me; your hal - lowed

name is clear be - fore my Fa - ther; I am his child, and
 fear builds walls in - stead of bridg - es; I dare to see an -
 name, O may I bear with hon - or, and may your liv - ing

I am not a - fraid. So great - ly par - doned, I'll for - give an -
 oth - er's point of view. And when re - la - tion - ships de - mand com -
 King - dom come in me. The Bread of Life, O may I share with

oth - er; the law of love I glad - ly will o - bey.
 mit - ment, then I'll be there to care and fol - low through.
 hon - or, and may you feed a hun - gry world through me.

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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”

Maureen Howell

Francesco Maria Veracini

*The congregation may stand.

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The sunflower banner today represents continued prayers for the people of Ukraine. The banner is placed in honor of deceased brother and father, Nelson and Corbin, by loving brother John Cooper and mother, Joann Cooper.

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.

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 Rise Against Hunger meal packing day will be 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.

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 4, we have received \$3,488.

Calendar Highlights August 7-14

Sunday, August 7

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

Monday, August 8

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

Tuesday, August 9

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 5:30 Adult Ministries Council meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 10

- 10:00 High school Bible study (Blue Room)
- 6:00 Handbell rehearsal (302)
- 7:00 Adult choir rehearsal (choir room/sanctuary)

Thursday, August 11

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, August 14

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Baby Dedication & Baptism (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)

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