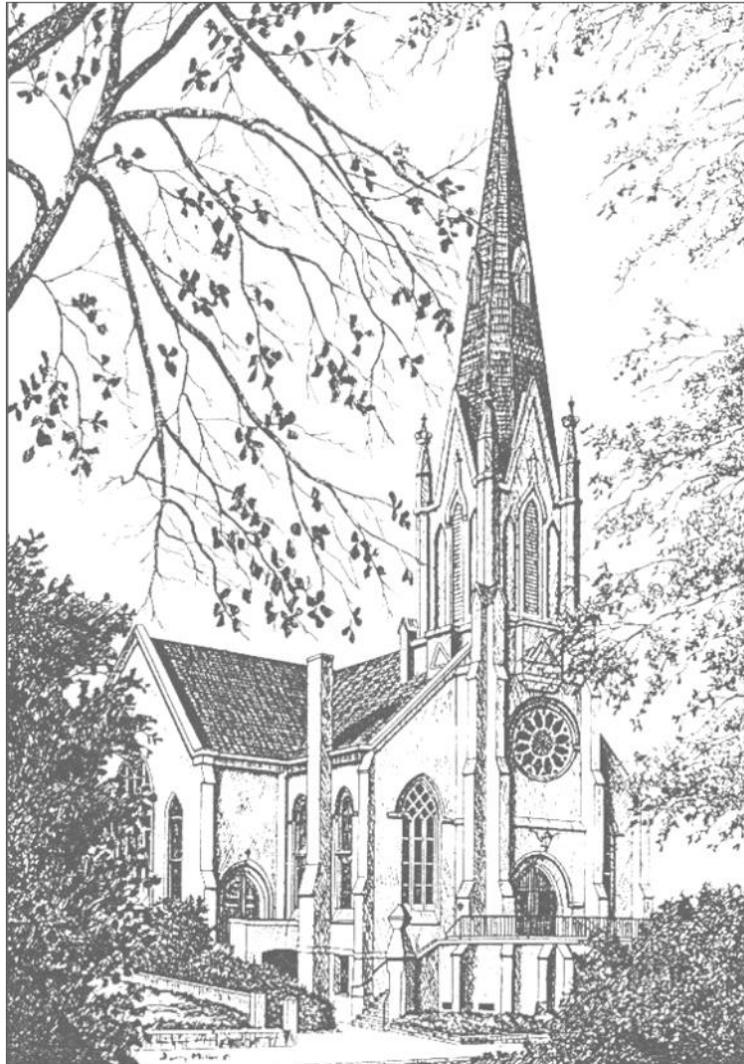


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: While this may always be the case to some extent, on this Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, the texts are held together by two themes — the nature of the human condition and the character of divine response. Human beings struggle to do what is right, and God responds with grace, thus empowering us to become more. In the reading from Exodus, God responds first in anger but eventually extends grace. We lift up songs of praise to this merciful God, we pray for transformation, and in the celebration of communion, we find the strength we need to change.

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

“Voluntary on HYFRYDOL”
Charles Ore

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

Based on Luke 15

LEADER: Rejoice with me, people of God.

PEOPLE: **God has gathered us in from the wilderness.**

LEADER: Rejoice with me, people of God.

PEOPLE: **God has swept away the darkness of the night.**

LEADER: Rejoice with me, people of God.

PEOPLE: **Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.**

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Exodus 32:7–14

Cara Lynn Vogel

⁷The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Timothy 1:12–17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts, 1839

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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 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Sanctuary Choir

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Psalm 51:10-13

The Sermon

"Lost and Found"

Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response (responsive)

LEADER: Persistent God, as the day begins and the light increases, let me drink deeply of your grace.

PEOPLE: **As the day unfolds, when my heart strays from you, call me back to this moment.**

LEADER: Come after me as surely as a woman searches for treasure lost.

PEOPLE: **If I am deaf and satisfied, if I resent the needs of others, blow strong against me.**

LEADER: Do not leave me in my foolishness — for I would have your mercy flow from me:

PEOPLE: **I would be a refuge for those who wander; I would lend my heart to celebrations;
I would speak your name.**

The Act of Praise

“Sanctus”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text: Traditional

Music: LAND OF REST, American; Richard Proulx, arr.

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;
 3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-ures;
 4. Through man - y dan-gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
 5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.; st. 5, anonymous
 MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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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

“Festal Flourish”
 Gordon Jacob

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The sanctuary flowers are given today in loving memory of Richard Gene Puckett by Robbie and family.

The Deacon on Call is Art Jackson. Art has been a member of First Baptist for a total of 28 years and now serves on the Finance Committee and is a member of the Counting Team. He is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class and the Sanctuary Choir. Art and his wife Anita have two sons—Will, who is married to Sara, and Stuart, who is married to Melissa—and five grandchildren.

Due to an event conflict in the church building, the Thirty-Niners will meet this week at the Five Points Center for Active Adults at 2000 Noble Road.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, September 14, meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. *Reclaiming Community through Serving Our Community*: this week’s program focuses on two major ministries of FBC to our local community: Toy Joy and the clothing ministry. We will hear updates that these ministries have made to adjust to the disruptions of covid, learn plans for upcoming weeks, and reflect together on how serving helps us to experience community again after the isolating effects of the pandemic.

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 September 7 is: pork chops, sweet potatoes, cabbage, salad, and bread; non-meat: veggie patty; kids: pizza rolls.

The next gathering of Theology on Tap will be on Thursday, September 15, at 6pm at the Raleigh Times (14 East Hargett Street). Please join us!

The clothing ministry will be closed for repairs to the floors from now through the end of September. During that time, we will accept donations of fall and winter clothing and rolling suitcases, backpacks, and blankets. Please bag all items and label the bags by gender (men, women, children). If you are bringing more than four kitchen-size bags of clothes, please make an appointment for drop-off by emailing Sabrina (cmvolunteercoordinator.fbc@gmail.com).

For our September mission project, we will collect candy that will be put in the stockings for Toy Joy. Bite-size chocolate and non-chocolate varieties are needed — *no Halloween-wrapped please*. Your donations may be placed in the drawer of the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby through the end of September.

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 September 8, we have received \$5,817.

The Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 30. You can support the Walk and the FBC team by walking or donating. Details may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

Calendar Highlights September 11-18

Sunday, September 11

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Communion (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)
Worship prep class (231)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Monday, September 12

- Clothing ministry closed (*until October 3*)
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (CR/Zoom)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, September 13

- 9:00 Clothing ministry small group (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Wednesday, September 14

- 5:15 Meal served (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Adult programming (FH)
- 6:30 Children's missions
- 6:45 Handbell choir rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, September 15

- BWIMNC Symposium (building-wide)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners meeting (Five Points Center for Active Adults, 2000 Noble Road, 27608)
- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)

Friday, September 16

- 9:00 Clothing ministry small group (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 18

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)
Worship prep class (231)
- 11:30 JBC mini-bazaar (FH)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

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