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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Third Sunday of Easter, part of a season in which we celebrate the good news of resurrection and ponder its meaning for our lives. In the narrative from Luke, we follow early disciples on the road to Emmaus who are struggling with grief and disappointment because the man they thought was the Messiah has died. He meets them on the road, even though they do not recognize him, and eventually their disappointment turns to hope. The entire story speaks to us, as we experience the range of emotions these early disciples do. We sing of our hope today, we pray for all who grieve and experience disappointment, and we are moved to worship by the Evening Bells. We are invited to respond to God's calling by the opening anthem which expresses the concerns of Earth Day (April 22) and with an offering near the end of the service. We depart with an invitation to reflect upon the burning of our hearts that happens within us, as it does for the disciples on the Emmaus Road, whenever the scriptures are opened to us and the Spirit of the Risen Christ is with us.

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

"My Lord, What a Morning"
Marianne Kim

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

“Now Is the Cool of the Day”

Eliza Meyer, solo

Jean Ritchie

Sanctuary 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 garden so 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.

Music and Words: Jean Ritchie, 1971
James Erb, arrangement

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 16 “Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

DUKE STREET

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19

Jim Keown

¹I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
⁴Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”
¹²What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
¹⁴I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
¹⁶O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
¹⁸I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Celtic Alleluia
Finton O'Carroll & Christopher Walker, 1985

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.**

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion “Sing to God as Sings the Ocean” HYFRYDOL
Cathy Moglebust, arr. Evening Bells

Sing to God as sings the ocean,
sing as birds that greet the dawn,
sing as windswept trees in motion,
sing and let your song be drawn
from God’s vast and whole creation,
from your faith and doubt and fears,
from rebirth and re-creation,
from life’s wealth of joy and tears.

Sing the heart’s deep sighing sorrow
to the Lord who hears lament,
who at midnight sees tomorrow
when the dark at last is spent.
Sing to God who in our sadness
brings the news of coming light,
ample hope to waken gladness
and sustain us through the night.

Sing the great, glad joy of Jesus!
Sing the gospel that Christ brings.
Sing the way Christ heals and feeds us
sing the song that Easter sings:
Christ is risen, Christ is living,
Christ among us, Christ within,
Christ the spring of endless giving
where new songs of faith begin.

Music: Roland H. Prichard, c. 1830
Words: Thomas H. Troeger, 2002

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
“Disappointment, Consolation, and Hope”

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, 369 SLANE
“Lord of All Hopefulness”

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory “Fairest Lord Jesus” Evening Bells
Sandra Eithun, arr.

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng* 1623
Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, adapt.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Choral Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine
upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance
upon you and give you peace.

Music: John Yarrington, 1972
Words: Numbers 6:24-26

*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

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"
Wilbur Held

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Jim Keown. A 44-year member of First Baptist, Jim is an office volunteer and a member of the John Hiott Fellowship class. Jim and his wife, Jennie, have two sons and three grandchildren.

Camden Sasser is our offering helper today, reminding us that no matter our age, we all can offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God, and Allison and Hayes Strickland are our acolytes.

The sanctuary flowers are placed by Dennis Francis and Rhonda Lowe in memory of their nephew, CPL David M. Sonka USMC.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, April 26; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm, in-person and via Zoom (link may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*). This week we will conclude our presentation on the spiritual applications of the Enneagram, an ancient tool for self-awareness and personal growth. The program is being led by Sam and Melody Harrell, CBF field personnel in Kenya who now live in Hillsborough, where Sam is the executive director of Africa Exchange.

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 April 26 is: shrimp and grits with veggie medley; non-meat option: mock shrimp and grits; kids: pizza rolls.

In April, we are collecting women's personal hygiene items. You may put your donations in the marker drawer in the Lewis Lobby cabinet anytime before the end of the month. If you have questions, please contact Cara Lynn Vogel (clvogel@gmail.com).

If you are interested in being a part of a new Sunday School class for young couples, join us in room 224 on Sundays at 9:45am. Questions? Contact Lou Anne and John Liverman (louanne.live@gmail.com) or Tonya and Lin Carter (tonyacarter5@gmail.com).

FBC will be providing volunteers to participate in a Habitat for Humanity project off Poole Road on Saturday, May 20. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact John Baldwin (karijohnb@att.net or 919-600-9124).

Vacation Bible School is July 17-21 (9am-12 noon), and we have two last teaching positions to fill. If you are interested in leading a recreation rotation for 1st – 5th graders, contact Lynn (lilingafelt@fbcraleigh.org). A curriculum is provided, and Lynn will round up the supplies you need. Thank you for considering serving in this way!

Diaper changing stations are located in the men's and women's bathrooms on each floor of the Lewis building, and a nursing room is located in our preschool suite on the first floor.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship bags are located in the narthex and in the Gathering Room; preschoolers (birth – kindergarten) are also welcome to join the supervised play in the preschool suite on first floor.

Calendar Highlights

April 23–30

Sunday, April 23

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

Monday, April 24

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:30 High school Bible study (Wade home)
Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, April 25

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)

Wednesday, April 26

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/37/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310)

Thursday, April 27

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)

Sunday, April 30

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 12:00 Lunch Bunch (231)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)