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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Fifth Sunday in Lent, we continue to explore the character of Christ as revealed in the reading from John 12, but we also realize that we see Jesus (the request of the text) and help others to see him not just in scripture but in many different ways — through the gift of wonderful sacred music like we experience today, through faces of young people who bring honesty and passion to their spiritual journey, through the people in need we seek to serve. The sermon explores this calling to see Jesus and help others see, and this entire service enables us to practice what we preach, as do our daily lives when we depart to serve.

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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

“Prelude on an Irish Melody”

Maureen Howell

Phillip Keveren

Louis Raymond-Kolker,  
steel pans

The Introit

“Famba Naye”

Youth Choir

Victor C. Johnson, arr.

Famba naye nai Baba

*Walk with us, O Father*

Mune rudu

*We are grateful*

Taremerwa

*You are full of love*

Zimbabwean Fok Song

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: The hour comes, and now is, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with my people.

PEOPLE: **It shall not be written upon tablets of stone, but upon the tablets of the heart.**

LEADER: We shall no longer instruct our neighbors from a book.

PEOPLE: **They shall no longer need any teacher but the Lord.**

ALL: **Waken our ears, O Lord, and speak to us the words of your covenant.**

The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise, 229

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession (responsive)

from Psalm 51

LEADER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

PEOPLE: **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

LEADER: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

PEOPLE: **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,**

LEADER: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

PEOPLE: **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

LEADER: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

PEOPLE: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

## The Act of Praise

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -  
giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Words: Hal H. Hopson, 1995

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Eddie Sasser

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**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

“Kyrie”

Sanctuary and Youth Choirs

Glenn McClure

(from *A Caribbean Mass*)

Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.*

Alto e glorioso Dio,  
illumina le tenebrae del cuore mio,  
e dammi fede retta, e carità perfetta  
speranza certa, umiltà profonda,  
saggezza e conoscenza,  
O Signore, affinché io faccia il tuo santo  
e verace commandamento.

*Most high and glorious God,  
illuminate the darkness of my heart  
and grant an upright faith, perfect love,  
certain hope, profound humility,  
wisdom and understanding,  
O Lord, that I might follow your holy  
and true commandment.*

Words: trad. Roman Catholic Mass and Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

The Gospel

John 12:20–33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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



1 Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the  
2 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a  
3 Write your love up - on my heart as my  
4 May I weep with those who weep, share the



joy and pain of liv - ing. As you love  
heart that's kind and ten - der. All my cold -  
law, my goal, my sto - ry. In each thought,  
joy of sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel -



may I love, in re - ceiv - ing and in  
ness and fear to your grace I now sur -  
word, and deed, may my liv - ing bring you  
come of Christ, may we wel - come one an -



giv - ing,  
ren - der. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.  
glo - ry.  
oth - er.

Words: Ruth Duck, 1994  
Music: Irish Folk Tune

## 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, 107      “Christ Be My Leader”      SLANE

### \*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory      “When All Thy Mercies”      Jesse Vogel  
John Andrew Schreiner

\*The Doxology      OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

A Lenten Doxology  
Words: G.W. Shepherd, 2006

## 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

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Eddie Sasser. A 27-year member of First Baptist, Eddie is a member of the Formations Sunday School class. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two children, Ella and Nathan.

Our offering helper is Eller Collins, reminding us that no matter our age, we all can offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God.

Thanks to Dennis Ellis, Luke Foster, and Rhonda Lowe for additional percussion this morning.

The banner today is given in honor of Christina Davis' 90th birthday by her granddaughter and grandson-in-law—Lindsey and Brantley Blanchard—and their family.

Beginning March 18, we invite you to take a walk down our block of Edenton Street to experience the *Stations of the Resurrection* by artist Scott Erikson. This art show will be showcased on the side of our building until the Monday after Easter. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, March 20: meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. We conclude our three-week Bible study with Dr. Alicia Myers, associate professor of New Testament and Greek at Campbell Divinity School. Dr. Myers is recognized among her peers as a leading authority on the Gospel of John. Her recent books include *Blessed Among Women? Mothers and Motherhood in the New Testament* (Oxford University Press, 2017) and *Reading John and 1, 2, 3 John* (Smyth & Helwys, 2019). This week's topic will be *Psalms and Jesus' Crucifixion: Lament and Revelation*.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice](http://www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice)), by email ([dmast@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485 x 202). Please be sure to check in with the volunteer collection team before getting your meal, even if you have prepaid online. The menu on March 20 is: Breakfast for Dinner! Eggs, sausage, mock sausage, grits, pancakes.

Easter is March 31. Remember a loved one with a donation toward the purchase of Easter lilies for our sanctuary, with the remaining funds benefitting the Day Mission Fund. Forms — found in Sunday School boxes, on our website, or by following the link in the *Rose Window Weekly* — must be received with payment by Wednesday, March 20.

Theology on Tap will gather on Thursday, March 21, at 6pm at Clouds Brewing (126 N. West Street). Join us for discussion, connection, and a good beverage!

The clothing ministry is in urgent need of men's shoes, especially tennis shoes sized 8.5 to 11; adult-sized backpacks; and kids' tennis shoes sized 10.5 toddler through size 5.

Due to the high use of the WiFi at the church, we have established a guest network: *FBC-MG*; password: "biography." You will need to sign in upon each use.

Mark your calendar for the following 2024 dates for church conference: April 24, May 22, August 28, September 25, October 23, November 20, and December 18.


Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. Please prayerfully consider your support of these missionaries. So far, we have received \$10,497.

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.

Visiting? We'd love to get to know you. Scan the QR code to the right to share your contact information.



 To facilitate your giving to FBC, use this QR code to link to the website for our main electronic giving, VANCO Faith, and the page that lists all our e-giving options and instructions.

## Calendar Highlights • March 17–24

### **Sunday, March 17**

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC/JBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
- 12:00 Lunch Bunch (232)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (301/Blue Room)

### **Monday, March 18**

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven (302)

### **Tuesday, March 19**

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)

### **Wednesday, March 20**

- 1:00 WMU Circle #7 (parlor)
- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)  
Handbell rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 7:15 Student Baptism Q&A (Blue Room/Zoom)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

### **Thursday, March 21**

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:00 Thirty-Niners lunch outing (Taverna Agora)
- 4:30 Music Made in Heaven board meeting (conference room)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Clouds Brewing)

### **Saturday, March 23**

- 10:00 Egg hunt (sanctuary/Capitol grounds)

### **Sunday, March 24 *Palm Sunday***

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (226)