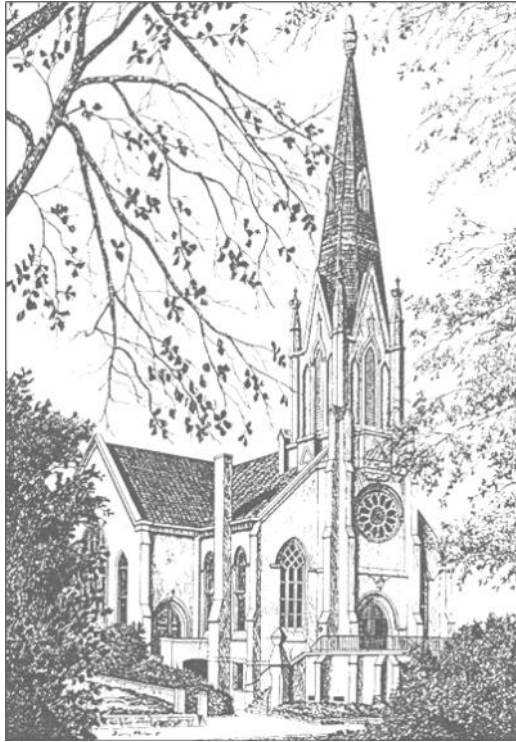


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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June 30, 2024

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 30, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost in the season we call Ordinary Time. It is the most extensive season in the liturgical calendar in which we are given the opportunity to settle truly into the rhythm of our lives between big liturgical holidays. This Sunday's scriptures invite us to find balance in our lives and in our world; through David's poetic lament following loss, Paul's exhortation of charity to the Corinthians, and Jesus' challenge of social norms. Our songs invite us similarly to grow through our witness of God's peculiarly paradoxical love, and our sermon explores elements of finding harmony in the ways we live out our faith in response to the life Christ has shown us.

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 Duet

"Air" (from *Petite Suite*) Maureen Howell, organ
Michael McCabe Rhonda Lowe, harpsichord

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 130

LEADER: I wait for the Lord,

PEOPLE: **my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.**

LEADER: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

PEOPLE: **more than those who watch for the morning, my soul waits.**

LEADER: In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

The Introit

(Choir, All on repeat)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system has lyrics: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The second system has lyrics: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!". The music is in G major and 4/4 time.

Words: Psalm 27:14
Music: Jacques Bertier, 1984

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 26

LAUDA ANIMA

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Lee Smith

¹ After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

¹⁷David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. ¹⁸(He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

¹⁹Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!
How the mighty have fallen!

²⁰Tell it not in Gath,
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

²¹You mountains of Gilboa,
let there be no dew or rain upon you,
nor bounteous fields!
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

²²From the blood of the slain,
from the fat of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

²³Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!
In life and in death they were not divided;
they were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

²⁴O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

²⁵How the mighty have fallen
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.

²⁶I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
greatly beloved were you to me;
your love to me was wonderful,
passing the love of women.

²⁷How the mighty have fallen,
and the weapons of war perished!

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Love Is Little”
Shaker Song

Sanctuary Choir

Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow.
Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that’s right.

South Union Shaker Village, Kentucky, 1834

The Morning Prayer

Michael Hood

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.**

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”



1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal Or
2. The pain that will not go a - way, The
3. So some have come who need your help, And



an - swer ev - 'ry suf - f'rer's prayer, Yet
guilt that clings from things long past, The
some have come to make a - mends, As



we be - lieve your grace re - sponds Where faith and
fear of what the fu - ture holds, Are pres - ent
hands which shaped and saved the world Are pres - ent



doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though blood - ied
as if meant to last. But pres - ent too is
in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spir - it



on the cross, Sur - vive to hold and heal and
love which tends The hurt we nev - er hoped to
meet us here To mend the bod - y, mind, and



warn, To car - ry all through death to
find, The pri - vate ag - o - nies in -
soul, To dis - en - tan - gle peace from



life And cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
side, The mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
pain, And make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

The Sermon

Michael Hood

“Intergalactic Peace, the Middle Way, and Livin’ Like Jesus”

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, 638

PRECIOUS LORD

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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

“Fanfare in B-flat”

Maureen Howell

Charles Ore

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Lee Smith. A 61-year member of First Baptist, Lee is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class. He and his wife Donna have three children and three stepchildren.

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Robert Page by Paula Gupton Page.

We need more volunteers to work in the church office performing receptionist functions, answering the phone, and responding to people who buzz at the door. If you have an interest or questions about the role, please contact Jennie Herrick at jherrick@fbcraleigh.org, call the office at 919-832-4485, or stop by the office. We deeply appreciate your consideration of this important role.

Help out the FBC youth by donating a breakfast snack this summer! Grab a box of granola bars, pastries, Pop-Tarts, or something similar and leave it in the Lewis Lobby or near the elevator on the second and third floors.

Intergenerational Vacation Bible School will be in the evenings the week of July 28-August 1 and we hope everyone will join us, babies through adults! See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details and a link to a fillable registration form. The deadline is July 7, but register now before your favorite electives fill up! Contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) with any questions.

Our June Mission Project will support Welcome House as they provide a safe place and welcome to refugees arriving in our community. Place your donations in the marked drawer in the Lewis lobby. The following items are needed: paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap (individual bottles), toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine pads, shampoo, conditioner, and laundry detergent.

The church has obtained several copies of Glenn Jonas' book, *Nurturing the Vision: First Baptist Church 1812-2012* and is offering it for sale for \$6. Make your check payable to FBC, noting on the memo line “FBC History,” or purchase it on the kiosk or the church website.


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 the first floor.

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.

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 and the page that lists all our e-giving options and instructions.

Calendar Highlights • June 30–July 7

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

- 10:00 Clothing ministry closed
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 2

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

Thursday, July 4

Church office closed (Independence Day holiday)

Sunday, July 7

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

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A place of grace, a place of challenge, a place for you.