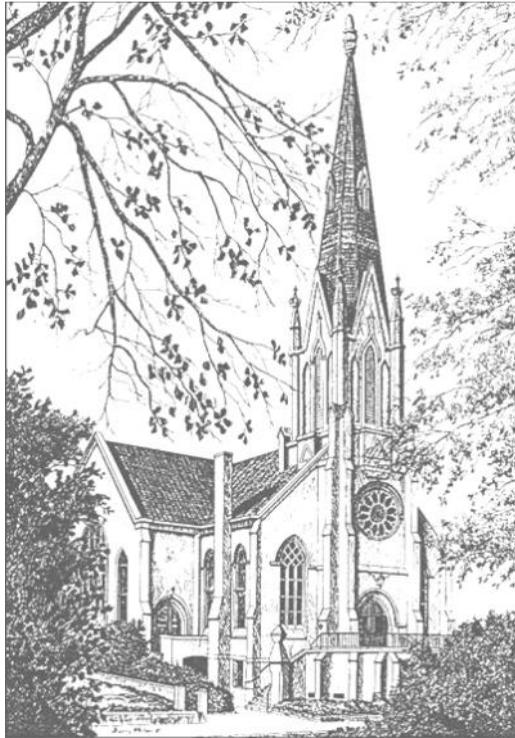


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what we call Ordinary Time. It is a season when we ponder possibilities for growth, and if words of challenge and provocation inspire us to grow, today's texts should move us in that direction. The reading from Amos reminds us that genuine prophets speak truth to power, even at great personal cost, but God's perspective ultimately prevails. The reading from Luke reminds us that because God's love extends to all people, we are called to be inclusive in our love, even when it is the last thing we want to do. The sermon explores the latter text, examining its most central and jolting message, while the service music enables us to embrace the expansive nature of Divine love in a joyful way. We conclude the service with the celebration of communion, a meal to which all are invited, a sign of God's welcoming love and a foretaste of eternity.

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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

"Song at Sunrise"  
Ron Harris

Jack Murray, saxophone

The Call to Worship

“Gathered in God’s Name”

Elizabeth Glontz, cantor

Michael Burkhardt

Rhonda Lowe, keyboard

Gathered in God’s name, called by God in this hour.

Gathered as one family in the name of love.

Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place.

Gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace.

**Refrain: All**

Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing  
Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly  
in the name of love, in the name of  
*slowing*  
love, in the name of love.

Words: Michael Burkhardt, 2021

The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise, 70 “God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Amos 7:7-17

Chuck Nichols

<sup>7</sup>This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will spare them no longer;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

<sup>16</sup>"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.

You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,  
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

<sup>17</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord:

Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,  
and your land shall be parceled out by line;  
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,  
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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 Anthem

“Jesus Loves Me”

Sanctuary Choir

Michael Hassell, arr.

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gates to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.  
Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way,  
If I love him when I die, he will take me home on high.

Words: Anna B. Warner, 1859

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1861

The Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

<sup>25</sup>An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

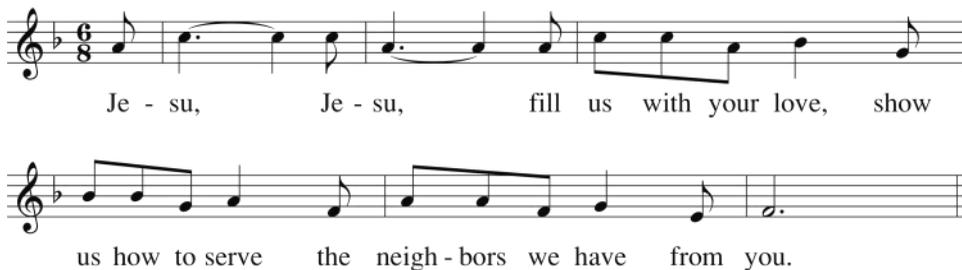
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

Verses



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
2. Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor,  
3. These are the ones we should serve,  
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
Si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
Var - ied in col - or and race,  
These are the ones we should love:  
Si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



D.C.

Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.  
Neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.  
All these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
This is the way we should live with you.

Words: Tom Colvin, 1963

Music: Ghana folk song, adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963, arr. Charles Webb, 1988

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Getting the Point of the Parable”

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

Refrain: **(All on repeat)**

**Gathered in God's name, 'round the table of grace.**

**Gathered as one family in the name of love.**

The Celebration of Communion *(Please note: all the bread is gluten-free.)*

The Invitation to the Table

Christopher Chapman

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Michael Hood

The Bread Is Broken

"Long Journey," Kurt Kaiser

The Cup Is Shared

"Anthem," Paul Halley

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

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN



1. For ev - ery - one born,	a place at the ta - ble,
2. For wom - an and man,	a place at the ta - ble,
3. For young and for old,	a place at the ta - ble,
4. For just and un - just,	a place at the ta - ble,
5. For ev - ery - one born,	a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born,	clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles,	de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard,	a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused,	with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear,	and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space,	a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace,	di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child	in hands that are wrin - kled,
in an - ger, in hurt,	a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out,	to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born,            a star        o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man,            a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old,            the right    to be - long.  
 for just and un - just,            a new        way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born,            the right    to be free.



And God    will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus-tice,    and



joy,    com - pas - sion and peace:    yes,



God        will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus-tice and joy!

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1996  
 Music: Brian Mann, 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

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Chuck Nichols. A 42-year member of First Baptist, Chuck is a teacher for the Pathfinder's Sunday School class. Chuck and his wife Susan, have two adult children, Charlie and Patrick.

The sanctuary flowers for today's worship service are given by Alvah Ward, Jr., in memory of Rachel T. Ward in honor of her July birthday.

Sympathy to Barry Jones on the July 10 death of his mother, Alice Jones.

Join us in the fellowship hall for an optional Sunday School class for adults and youth led by Dennis Ellis on navigating a future with AI—spiritually, ethically, and socially—at 9:45am on July 20. Together, we will explore: what AI is and how it works; the current state of AI technology and its rapid development; the intersection of AI and Christian theology, including questions about human dignity, moral agency, and the image of God; and the role of the church in an AI-shaped society.

A special church conference will be held on Sunday, July 20, at 6pm in the fellowship hall to vote on important recommendations from the Properties Committee. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner at 5pm to enjoy some mid-summer fellowship before the meeting at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you!

In the event of an emergency, first aid kits can be found in the kitchen, at the greeting desk in the Lewis Lobby and in the workroom in the church office. Band-aids can be found in the preschool and the children's suites. The church has two defibrillators (AED): one between the elevator and the church offices on the second floor and one on the main floor behind the sanctuary on the Edenton Street side, near the elevator.

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 • July 13–20

### Sunday, July 13

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 6:00 Summer youth group (Blue Room)

### Monday, July 14

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open

### Tuesday, July 15

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

### Wednesday, July 16

- 9:30 Youth Bible study (Bojangles)

### Thursday, July 17

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 11:30 Thirty-Niners lunch outing (Kanki, 4325 Glenwood Avenue)

### Sunday, July 20

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/baby dedication (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Potluck supper (fellowship hall)
- 6:00 Special church conference (fellowship hall/Zoom)  
Summer youth group (Blue Room)

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