

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

# The Worship of God

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 9, 2021



Music for Meditation

Joel Raney

*Spanish Rhapsody on All Creatures of Our God and King*

Sam Messick, piano

The music, the lighting of the Christ candle, and the opening of the Bible are tangible symbols that call us to worship. Use these moments to quiet your spirit and invite God's presence into our gathering.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Tanner Baugh

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

—John 8.12

Opening the Bible

Lily James Kesler

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3.16-17

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

†Responsive Psalm 98

Terri Vancil, cantor

**Refrain:**



Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory, O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations. You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;**

**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

**Sing to the LORD with the harp,**

**with the harp and the voice of song.**

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn**

**shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

**Refrain**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,**

**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,**

**who comes to judge the earth.**

**The LORD will judge the world with righteousness**

**and the peoples with equity.**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;**

**all the families of nations shall bow before God.**

**Refrain**

†Hymn 356

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

The congregation shall join the choir on the **Alleluias.**

Words of Friendship

Rev. Courtney Willis

A Family Covenanting

Christina McCord  
Rev. Sherouse

**Anne Reece Jennings**, daughter of Melanie and Blake Jennings

Musical Interlude

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Chris Cherry

Song

*UBI CARITAS*

Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

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Scripture Lesson

Rev. Willis

John 15.9-17

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

We Have a Friend

†Hymn 89

*HYFRYDOL*

*Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

Stanzas One and Two will be sung by the choir.

†Stewardship Prayer

Seth Hix, deacon

†Hymn 89

*HYFRYDOL*

*Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

Stanza Three will be sung by the congregation while the choir recesses to the front lawn.

Following the singing of stanza three the congregation will be dismissed row by row at the direction of the ministers, and recess to the front steps for the remainder of the service

Please reserve the porch for those who need to remain on level ground.

Gather all belongings and the Worship Guide as you leave the pew.

†Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

†Doxology

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness,  
O praise ye, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise ye, O praise ye,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

†Passing the Peace

Rev. Sherouse

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of **Brian Needham** by his mother and stepfather, Teresa and Stuart Allen.