

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

The Worship of God

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Call to Worship 10:30 a.m.

Lighting the Christ Candle Katie Parrish

Opening the Bible Emme Norman

Opening Voluntary Joel Raney

How Great Thou Art
Rev. Doug Vancil, *piano*

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

†Responsive Psalm 48 Terri Vancil

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised,
in the city of our God, on the LORD's holy mountain.

**Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is Mount Zion,
the summit of the north and city of the great king.**

**God is in the citadels of Jerusalem;
revealed to be the sure refuge of the city.**

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God—may God establish it forever!
In the midst of your temple, O God,
we meditate on your steadfast love.

**Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the
earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.**

Let Mount Zion be glad and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments.

Consider well its ramparts; examine its strongholds;
that you may tell those who come after.

**Mark this—God is our God forever and ever,
guiding us even to the end.**

†Hymn 21 *O STORE GOD*

How Great Thou Art

Words of Friendship Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children Christina McCord

Prayers of God's People Rev. Sherouse

Prayer Song *Alice Parker*

Be Thou My Vision
Lorie Rainey, vocal soloist

†Responsive Scripture Reading Rev. Cherry

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming
down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow
due to change.

**In fulfillment of God's own purpose God gave us birth by the word
of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his
creatures.**

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow
to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's
righteousness.

**Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of
wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that
has the power to save your souls.**

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.
For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who

look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

—James 1.17-27

†Song of Illumination

Kelly Willard

Make Me A Servant



Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me lift up



those who are weak, and may the prayer of my life al-ways be:



Make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to-day.

(from The Worshipping Church, page 653)

Sermon

Rev. Courtney Willis

Pull Up a Chair

†Hymn 710

AUSTRIAN HYMN

We Are Called to Be God's People

Stewardship Prayer

Jeff Bennett, deacon

At this time we will be dismissed by row to convene for the remainder of the service under the shade trees on the west lawn.

Hymn of Dedication

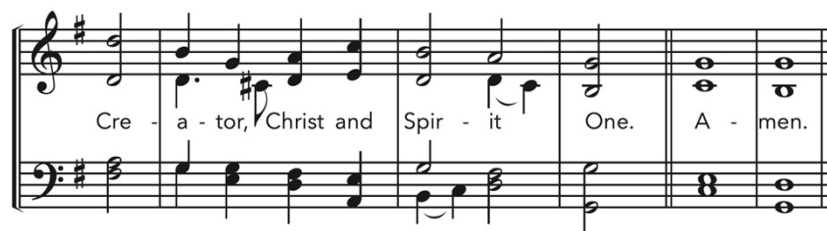
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Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all



crea-tures high and low; praise God for all that Love has done:



Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spir - it One. A - men.

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Passing of the Peace