

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

# The Worship of God

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Call to Worship 10:30 a.m.

Lighting the Christ Candle Jack Sherouse

Opening the Bible Penelope Duckworth

Opening Voluntary *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*Chorale Prelude on Lobe den Herren*  
Rev. Doug Vancil, organ

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

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

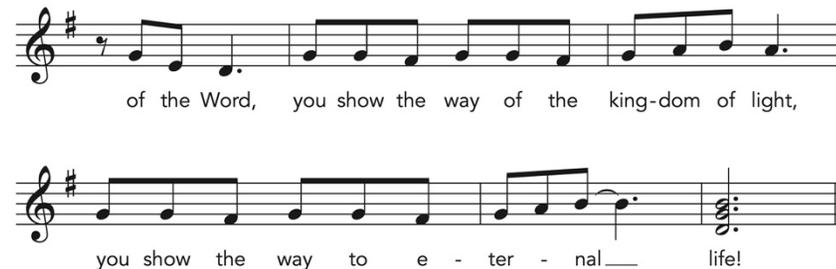
†Hymn 77 *LOBE DEN HERREN*  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Words of Friendship Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children Christina McCord

Prayers of God's People Rev. Cherry

†Responsive Psalm 19 Terri Vancil



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The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

**Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

**The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.  
The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

### Refrain

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.  
By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can detect one's own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth**

**and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Refrain**

Scripture Reading Rev. Cherry

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

Musical Interlude

Choral Anthem Tom Fettke

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

*Sanctuary Choir, Janice Hix, piano*

Deacon Ordination Rev. Sherouse

**Darlene Biffle, Megan Kesler, Graham Lyles, Ben Norman,**

**Mary Petriskie, Beth Shaffer, Ryan Shively, Gayle Wager**

*Newly elected deacons to be ordained*

**Cheryl Angel, Tammy Miller, Joe White, Richard Wiley**

*Previously ordained deacons*

Responsive Covenant Brad Wall

**CONGREGATION**, these are the persons whom you have asked to be your servant leaders. Will you hold them and their office in high esteem?

**We will.**

Do you desire them to lead us with courage, conviction and compassion?

**We do.**

**DEACONS**, do you humbly accept the congregation's confidence in you?

**We do.**

And will you pledge to be responsible bearers of this trust?

**We do.**

Will you be interpreters of our ministry to one another,  
to this community and to the world?

**We will.**

Will you be prophets, calling us back to the hard truths  
we would sometimes rather forget?

**We will.**

Will you be pastors to us in our sickness and sorrow,  
and friends to us in times of stress and indecision?

**We will.**

**CONGREGATION**, will we give our lives in friendship, community, fellowship  
and cooperation with these deacons? Will we work together,  
as we co-labor with God, in the mission to which we are called:  
the formation of Christian community?

**We will.**

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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 *The Servant Song* *BEACH SPRING*

Laying On of Hands/Ordination Prayer Debbie Huneycutt

Benediction Rev. Sherouse

Passing of the Peace

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God  
in memory of **Jack Sharp** by his wife Betty.