

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

The Worship of God

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Call to Worship 10:30 a.m.

Lighting the Christ Candle Davis Cox

Opening the Bible J. J. Moore

Opening Voluntary *Felix Mendelssohn*

Sonata III
Con moto Maestoso
Andante Tranquillo
Rev. Doug Vancil, organ

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

†Hymn 50 *MIT FREUDEN ZART*

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Words of Friendship Rev. Courtney Willis

A Time for Children Christina McCord

Prayers of God's People Rev. Willis

†Responsive Psalm 1

Terri Vancil

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

†Hymn *NEW WORLD*

What Is the World Like When God's Will Is Done

Baker Lawrimore, soloist

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun. (see refrain)*



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve. ____
This is how God longs for us when we roam. ____
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end. ____
This is how God read - ies us for the light. ____
this is a new world where God's will is done. ____

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wondering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.*

This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
 No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
 peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
 Ready for feasting we watch through the night,
 tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
 filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
 Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
This is a new world where God's will is done.

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Sermon

A Call for Faithful Imagination
 Mark 4.30-32

Rev. Cherry

Musical Interlude

Choral Anthem

If I Take the Wings of the Morning
 Sanctuary Choir

Julian Dams

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

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE



In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -



tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter -
 dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our



flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
 hope to you and me. From the past will come the
 life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our death, a res - ur -



win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -
 fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
 rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -



vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Passing of the Peace

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
 in honor of the **Sherouse family**—
 Bea, Warner, Della, Jack, Jenny and Alan,
 to recognize Alan's eight-year anniversary as our Senior Pastor.
 With love and appreciation by Alan's **Pastor Search Committee**
 Kelly Cornett, Scott Culclasure, Hazel Fisher, Thom Little,
 Matt Messick, David Rowe, Becky Starnes,
 Monica Vaughan and Gayle Wiley.
 The flowers are also given in loving memory of our PSC colleague,
Ken Brannon.