

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

# The Worship of God

Sunday, February 20, 2022

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

—Luke 6.27-38

Steeple Bells	10:30 am
Christ Candle	Nick Jones
Opening the Bible	Caleb Wall
Opening Sentences	Rev. Alan Sherouse
†Responsive Psalm 37	Terri Vancil

Com - mit your way to God, the Lord: your cause will  
shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's ho - ly  
word and you shall find what you de - sire.

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Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

**Trust in the Lord and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and God will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord; trust, and God will act.

*Singing: **Be still before the Lord and wait, and do not fret when wrong succeeds; refrain from anger, turn from hate, for God will punish evil deeds.***

God will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently on God; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

*Singing: Salvation comes from God alone;  
the faithful know their help is sure;  
to heaven, all our needs are known,  
and in God's strength we are secure.*

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

**But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

*Singing: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures high and low;  
praise God for all that Love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

TEXT: Brian Wrenn

Words of Friendship Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children Autumn Culbreth

Prayers of God's People Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn SPIRITUAL

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Ellis Vaughan, soloist



Scripture Lesson Rev. Courtney Willis

Luke 15.11-32

Sermon Rev. Buck Cochran

†Hymn PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Please see insert.

Stewardship Prayer Cheryl Angel, deacon

Choral Anthem Ola Gjeilo

*The Ground*

Sanctuary Choir

*Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Praise the Lord.*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world have mercy on us.*

*Grant us your peace.*

English translation of Latin text

†Benediction Rev. Cochran

Closing Voluntary Baker Lawrimore, organ

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God  
in memory of **Harold R. Kohler, Jr.**  
on the anniversary of his death, February 15, 2020  
by his wife, Cindy Kohler.

# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*Prayer of St. Francis*



Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
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there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where  
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, and  
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, and  
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you. O,  
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. O,  
dy - ing that we're bor - to e - ter - nal life. O,



Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so much to be con -



soled, as to con - sole, to be un - der - stood, as to un - der -



stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

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