

First Baptist Church of Greensboro
The Worship of God

July 10, 2022

Summer Sabbath

June 12 — September 4

*God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it,
because on it God rested from all the work of creation.*

—Genesis 2.3

*Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days shall you labor
and do your work, but the seventh is a sabbath day to the Lord, your God.*

—Exodus 20.8

*“Come unto me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

—Matthew 11.28-30

A season of “Summer Sabbath” is evident as regular church life yields to an intentional time of rest and re-creation. The theme of Sabbath will be woven throughout the order of service encouraging all of us to “find rest for our souls.”

This period coincides with the sabbatical leave of Senior Pastor Alan Sherouse, and prayers for genuine rest and renewal are continually offered by the whole congregation for Alan, Jenny and the children. We will hear from a variety of preachers including our own associate pastors, ministers who call First Baptist their “home church,” and other guests.

Talented vocalists and instrumentalists from our own congregation will provide music leadership while our choirs take a break from regular rehearsals.

Yahweh is a Sabbath-keeping God, which fact ensures that restfulness and not restlessness is at the center of life. Yahweh is a Sabbath-giving God and a Sabbath-commanding God. Israel, for that reason, is always again to re-choose between “life and death” (Deut.30:15-20), between Yahweh and “the gods of your ancestors” (Josh. 24:14-15), between Yahweh and Baal (1 Kings 18:21), between the way of Torah and the way of sinners (Psalm 1). Sabbath becomes a decisive, concrete, visible way of opting for, and aligning with the God of rest.

—Walter Brueggemann, *Sabbath as Resistance*.

Steeple Bells 10:30 am

Christ Candle Sarah Moore

Opening the Bible Emme Norman

Opening Sentences Rev. Courtney Willis

Voluntary Eric Schmidt *Marimba*

“Come to Me” Dan Forrest

Reflection on Matthew 11.25, 28-29, II Corinthians 6.18, I John 3.1

†Responsive Psalm 104 Terri Vancil

Bless the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
and stretch out the heavens like a tent.
**You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
you make the clouds your chariot; your ride on the wings of the wind.**

You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.
**You set the earth upon its foundations,
so that from now until forever it shall never be moved.**

You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
At your rebuke the waters fled, scattered by your voice of thunder.

They went up into the mountains and descended down to the valleys,
to the place where you assigned them.
**You set the limits that they should not pass;
never shall they return to cover the earth again.**

How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
**You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

**You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

**You look at the earth and it trembles;
your touch the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

†Hymn of Praise 356

"All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

stanza one: **Everyone**, stanza two: **Treble Voices**

stanza three: **Organ alone**, stanza four: **Bass Voices**, stanza five: **Everyone**

Words of Friendship Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children Amelia Britt, Pastoral Intern

Prayers of God's People Rev. Willis

†Prayer Hymn 619

"God Will Take Care of You" GOD CARES

Scripture Lesson Grace Wall, Summer Youth Intern
Luke 10.25-37

Sermon Gil McGregor

†Hymn of Response 609

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" SHOWALTER

Stewardship Prayer Beth Shaffer, deacon

Musical Offering Baker Lawrimore *vocalist*
"Where Is Hope?"

†Benediction Rev. Willis

All Creatures of Our God and King 356

All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven a -
3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy Lord to
4. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en
long, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -
hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
part, sing his prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise him, O
joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
bright, that giv - est us both warmth and light, O praise him, O
bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O
Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O praise him, O

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1926
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
L.M. Alleluia

619 God Will Take Care of You

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Pet. 5:7

1. Be not dis - mayed what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;
 2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
 3. All you may need he will pro - vide, God will take care of you;
 4. No mat - ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

be - neath his wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.
 when dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.
 noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.
 lean, wea - ry one, up - on his breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through ev - ery day, o'er all the way;

he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1904
 MUSIC: W. Sillman Martin, 1904

GOD CARES
 C.M.Ref.

609 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deut. 33:27

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean -
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on

ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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