

First Baptist Church of Greensboro
The Worship of God

August 14, 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 (I 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 Braden Hall

Opening the Bible Caleb Wall

Voluntary Penny Rowe *piano*, Rev. Doug Vancil *organ*
“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” arranged by Hustad/Smith

Opening Sentences Rev. Courtney Willis

†Responsive Psalm 80 Amelia Britt, *pastoral intern*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Singing:



Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made strong for yourself.** (continued)

*Singing: Lord, let Your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.
Lord, let Your grace, grace from your hand fall on us
that we may be saved, that we may have life
to find our way in the darkest night,
let Your grace fall on us.*

And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

*Singing: Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.
that we may be saved, that we may have life
to find our way in the darkest night,
let Your love come over us.* Words and Music: Michael W. Smith

†Hymn of Praise 461

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ABERYSTWYTH

Words of Friendship Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children Autumn Culbreth, *First Baptist Preschool Director*

†Responsive Reading Terri Vancil

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land,
but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,
because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say?

**For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David
and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms,
administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched
raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness,
became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.**

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to
accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking
and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

**They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the
sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted,
tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts
and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.**

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what
was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not,
apart from us, be made perfect.

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us
also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run
with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer
and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right
hand of the throne of God.**

— from Hebrews 11

Hymn Jeff Perry, *vocal soloist*

"The Church's One Foundation" setting by Brian Moss

Prayers of God's People Rev. Buck Cochran

Scripture Lesson Rev. Willis
Luke 12.49-56

Sermon Rev. Starr Russell
"Unintended Consequences"

†Hymn 107 *"Christ Be My Leader" SLANE*

Stewardship Prayer Ellis Vaughan, *deacon*

Musical Offering Penny Rowe *piano*, Rev. Vancil *organ*
"Be Thou My Vision" setting by Hustad/Smith

†Doxology *SLANE*

**God of our life, all our trust is in you, Covenant God, ever faithful and true;
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord, now and forever your name be adored.**

†Benediction Rev. Starr Russell

†Postlude Rev. Vancil, organ
"Finale from Symphony No. 1" Louis Vierne

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of **James Watkins** by his family.

461 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

You have been . . . a shelter from the storm . . . Is. 25:4

1. Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;
 leave, O leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name, I am all un - right - eous - ness;
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1738
 MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1879

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life." Jn. 14:6

Unison

1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
 2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
 3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way. }
 drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth. }
 death can - not hold me, for he is the Life. Nor }

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, }
 Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, }
 dark - ness, nor doubt - ing, nor sin and its stain can }

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1961
 MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Donald P. Hustad, 1973
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