

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for
The Worship of God
Sunday, September 11, 2022

(†) indicates standing as able.
Hearing devices are available in the narthex.

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Christ Candle

Opening the Bible Emerson Culbreth

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

Voluntary Rev. Doug Vancil, organ
"Variations on an Original Theme" Edward Elgar

†Scriptural Affirmation of Faith Terri Vancil

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a person of violence.

But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

**that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—
of whom I am the foremost.** (continued)

But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

—1Timothy 1.12-17

†Hymn of Praise 62

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

Words of Friendship Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

†Hymn

"Heaven Shall Not Wait"



Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa - tience,
Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for - tunes,
Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,



the scorned to smile, the de - spised to find a friend:
the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:
thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of pain:
when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

(continued)

Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;
 Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:
 Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
 Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly
 to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they
 his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose
 his power and love are for now and then for

1, 2, 3. 4.
 end. ev - er - more.
 feast.
 plain.

Text and Music: John L. Bell, 1987
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Responsive Psalm 14 Chris and Dora Barbee

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt,
 they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

**The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any
 who are wise, who seek after God.**

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
 there is no one who does good, no, not one.

**Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people
 as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?**

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company
 of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor
 but the LORD is their refuge.

**O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord
 restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

Faith Story Chris and Dora Barbee

Choral Anthem Sanctuary Choir, Dr. Anne Lewis *piano*, Chris Barbee *alto saxophone*
"We Are Glad" Craig Courtney

We are glad, for the Lord has done great things for us!

Prayers of God's People Rev. Courtney Willis

Gospel Lesson Rev. Buck Cochran
 Luke 15.1-10

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Offertory Hymn of Response 502
"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" NEW BRITAIN

Stewardship Prayer Jeff Bennett, deacon

Called Business Conference Becky Starnes, church moderator

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Organ Dismissal Rev. Vancil
"Carillon" Herbert Murrill

62 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory . . ." 1 Tim. 1:17

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts, 1839

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Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 502

God is able to make all grace abound to you . . . 2 Cor. 9:8

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his word my hope se - cures;
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.; st. 5, anonymous
 MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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