



First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for
The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9, 2023

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Baker Lawrimore

Lighting the Christ Candle Miller Norman

Opening the Bible Alice Haynes

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Voluntary Summer Choir

"I Will Joyfully Sing in the Morning" Based on Psalm 59:16, Music by Mary McDonald

I will joyfully sing in the morning; I will joyfully sing all the day;

I'll sing praises to Thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day.

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

by Darren Philip

God our Creator:

we rejoice in the life of your world.

Jesus our Redeemer:

we rejoice in the new life you offer.

Holy Spirit our guide:

we rejoice in your life-giving companionship.

May all our rejoicing bring praise and glory to You.

Amen!

†Hymn 25

"Praise, My Soul, King of Heaven" ANDREWS

†Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Amelia Britt *pastoral intern*

Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.

†Hymn

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" HYFRYDOL

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me;

How he left his home in glory for the cross of Calvary.

I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,

Threw his loving arms around me, drew me back into his way.

*I was bruised, but Jesus healed me; faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me, but he freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come over me, sorrow's paths I often tread,
But the savior still is with me; by his hand I'm safely led.
He will keep me 'til the river rolls its waters at my feet;
Then he'll bear me safely over, where the loved ones I shall meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who dies for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.*

Prayers of God's People Rev. Courtney Willis

New Testament Lesson Rev. Starr Russell
Acts 9:36-42

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 594

"Like a River Glorious" WYE VALLEY

All are invited to use this time to renew commitment to Christ and to Christian service. If you would like to become a member of this congregation, you are invited to speak to a pastor at this time.

Stewardship Prayer Graham Lyles *deacon*

Choral Offertory Summer Choir

"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You" Words and Music by Jay Althouse

*Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh, Lord.
Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from you above.
Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand.
And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.
Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh, Lord.
Amen.*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Congregational Response

"Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him" HOLY MANNA

*Christians let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.
Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Serve in Love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.
Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.*

†Postlude Baker Lawrimore

This summer, our sermons focus on the book of Acts. As the gospels tell the story of Jesus, Acts tells the story of the Holy Spirit — how it inspired and enlivened the followers of Jesus to live by their hopes rather than their fears, to share freely and unhindered, and to move broadly and boldly with the love of God "to Jerusalem, to all of Judea, and to the ends of the earth." Join us for worship throughout this summer, as we remember how the love of God can be *loose in the world* through our lives and through the life of our church. Watch or listen to recent sermons at fbcgso.org/sermons



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