

The
First Baptist Church
Henderson, North Carolina
At Worship



SUNDAY MORNING

August 2, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK AM

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

The liturgical color today is green.

Green is the color of growth while the church is on mission during the season of Pentecost.

THE GREETING

Ronald Cava

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Amy Russell

THE PRELUDE

Sinfonia in F Major (BWV 794)

J. S. Bach

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Russell

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –
God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.
Let us worship God today, for God is good –
God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.
Let us worship God today –
Because we are God's people.
Let us worship God.

St. 1-3, Anonymous in *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677

CRUSADERS- HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8.

St. 4, Joseph August Seiss, 1823-1904

Silesian Melody



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of all na - tions,



O thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cher - ish,
 Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 And all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



Thee - will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for ev - er - more be thine!

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Amy Russell

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. ¹⁶ You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹ He fulfils the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. ²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

The works of God are shown to us throughout the Old and New Testaments. We can see them when we reflect on the past, and we can find them all around us today in the present. Why then, do we sometimes forget of God's power and God's faithfulness to us? By not remembering the times God has shown acts of power and faithfulness, we can miss out on being a part of the work of the kingdom here on earth. May we have faith in God as we witness the kingdom around us, and may we not hesitate to join the ongoing works of God.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, thank you for your Word, and for meeting us where we are so that we may see you and witness your works. You choose to perform works in our midst which fulfill and sustain us. Forgive us for forgetting, O Lord, and forgive us when we fail to see you working in our midst. Please forgive us when we hesitate or when we do not participate in the opportunities you present us with to help fulfill and sustain one another. As your people, we desire to join you in your works, so that others may witness your presence and be satisfied in you.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have seen, and we continue to see, the ways in which God faithfully works in our midst. May we not forget or doubt God's power. We are invited to join in doing the works of God, regardless of our past failures. May we accept that invitation so that we get to be used by God to perform wondrous acts which feed, clothe, and comfort those around us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-5

Mark Hopper

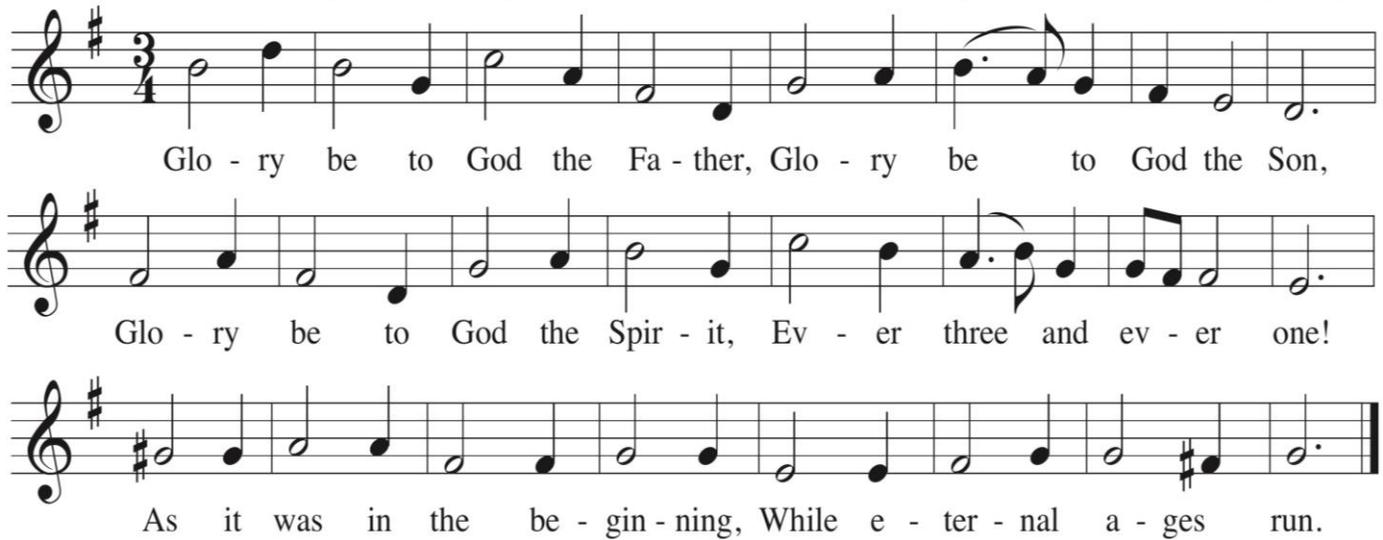
¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

THE GLORIA

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

7th Century Latin Hymn
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry Purcell, 1659-1695, adapt.



Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son,
Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, Ev - er three and ev - er one!
As it was in the be - gin - ning, While e - ter - nal a - ges run.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ ¹⁶Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ ¹⁷They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

THE SERMON

Simple Gifts

Ronald Cava

THE MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Dance on “Simple Gifts”

Shaker hymn, arr. Andrew Carter

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Tammy Hight

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

Welsh tune, arr. Sam Batt Owens

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God. -Fred Pratt Green

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.4.4.8.8. with Alleluias
Melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1623
Harm. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;



Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. O praise him,



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

THE BENEDICTION

Amy Russell

THE RESPONSE

When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart

Freeman Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828

When sorrow floods the troubled heart and clouds the mind with fears, affliction presses from the soul the bitter flow of tears. God's weeping children raise the prayer: "Almighty God, how long till tears shall cease and silence break and grief be turned to song?"

The voice is stilled, no words express the pain that lingers on; our prayer becomes a silent sigh; all mortal speech is gone. The Holy Spirit groans in us with intercession strong; when tears have ceased and silence breaks, the Spirit stirs a song.

The sting of death cannot forbid the child of God to sing. The scars we bear may long remain, but resurrection brings the healing of the broken heart, the righting of the wrong. Our tears shall cease, our silence breaks in Christ, the living Song.

-Rebecca Turner and Paul Simpson Duke

Music for this morning's service is offered by harpsichordist Robert Hopper.

This morning's Call to Worship is by Beth Merrill Neel and is used with permission.

The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our deceased members, Ed Laffman, William L. Stark, Sr., Dr. W. Beverly Tucker, Jim Wyatt, and Larry Trull by the Laffman Class.

Opportunities for Worship and Service

SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Virtual Sunday School
	11:00	Morning Worship Recording Posted on Facebook and Link Sent via Email
	11:00	Previous Sunday's Worship Service Aired on Spectrum Channel 24
	2:00 PM	Worship Service Aired on WIZS – 100.1 FM and 1450 AM

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