



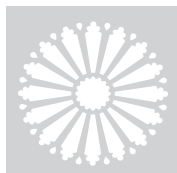
First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
August 9, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Come, Holy Spirit.
Speak in the swaying, swirling leaves,
that sing and dance in summer sunlight.
Whisper in the warm wind as we await your Word.
The silence speaks only of you,
holy sound sending fickle, fleeting, fluttering shadows
like birds in flight,
calling out, singing, rejoicing in rhythmic refrain,
with spontaneity of Spirit.

*– by Maren and Maria Tirabassi,
from Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship*

*Please sign the online Welcome Pad.
Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*



THE VISION OF GOD

Gathering Music: *Welcome in This Place*

**Holy spirit
Comforter, Counselor here.
Rise up within me, living water,
Spirit of God in me.**

**Holy spirit,
sent from heaven,
the God of all glory is here.**

*[Chorus]:
You are welcome in this place.
God of power, love, and grace,
overwhelm my soul.*

Welcome, Invitation and Congregational Life

Alexandra Mauney

Call to Worship

Maria Hanlin

One: The work of God surrounds us:

All: We respond with praise.

One: The love of God is visible:

All: We respond with joy.

One: The wind of the Spirit is moving:

All: We respond in hope.

One: O God, how marvelous are your works;

All: In wisdom you made them all.

– from Worshipping Ecumenically

Song of Praise: Hymn No. 39 – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

(SEE PAGES 3 AND 4)

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Song of Praise *continues, over*

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to respond to the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– from Book of Common Worship

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal confession.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.



THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it

The Word Read *continues, over*

is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Time for Children

Kevin Murray

The Word Read: *1 Kings 19:9-18*

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

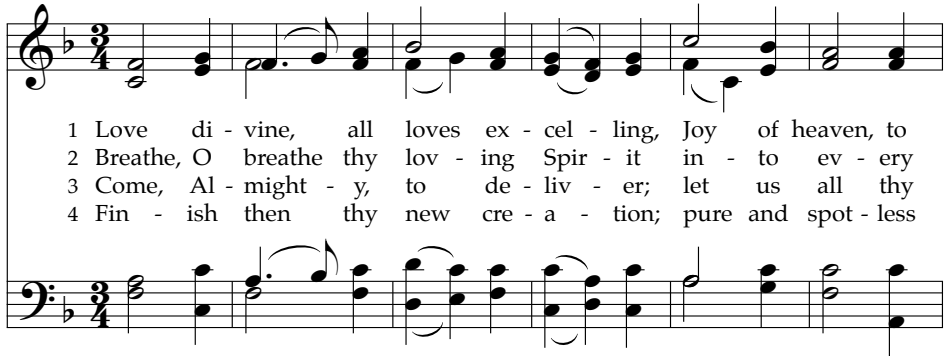
The Word Proclaimed: *What are you doing here, Elijah?*

Alexandra Mauney

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response: Hymn No. 366 – *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*

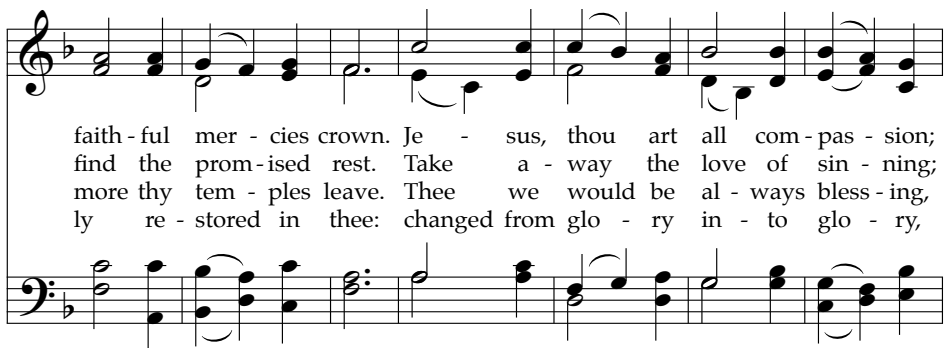
HYFRYDOL



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Song of Response *continues, over*

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Affirmation of Faith

Doug McLeroy

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

– *The Apostles' Creed, traditional*

Prayers of the People

Leader: And now, with one voice as we make our pastoral search journey,
let us pray:

People: Almighty God, we ask your guidance and clear discernment for our Pastor Nominating Committee and for this congregation as we seek a new pastor for our family of faith. Be present in all deliberations; make all aware of your will for us; and keep us mindful of our calling to serve you in faithful ministry and mission through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

followed by The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Please participate in the offering by giving online at fpcgreensboro.org/give or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

Music for Meditation: *Carry Me Over*

Anne and Pete Sibley

Rejoice! Ensemble

[Chorus]:

When I'm weary, carry me over

When I'm weary, hold my hand

When I'm weary, carry me over

Take me to that promised land.

When I get there, I'll see my mother
When I get there, she'll hold my hand
When I get there, I'll see my father
And he'll say "how proud I am."

[Chorus]

In my lifetime I've had my share
of many troubles, too many goodbyes
People leave you without warning
And you're left just standing there.

[Chorus]

Charge and Benediction

Alexandra Mauney

Song of Sending: Hymn No. 700 – *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

Today's Worship Leaders

Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

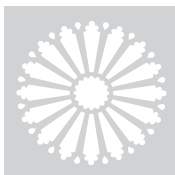
Maria Hanlin, Pastoral Care

Doug McLeroy, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care

Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry

James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!
the Rejoice! Ensemble

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THE MINISTRY OF MEMBERS – Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. *Such involvement includes:* • proclaiming the good news in word and deed; • taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation; • lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support; • studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life; • supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time and talents; • demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church; • responding to God's activity in the world through service to others; • living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life; • working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment; • participating in the governing responsibilities of the church; • and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

(from the Book of Order)

WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith.
We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship
is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.



WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS

CLOSING: Our church campus will remain closed until early October. Our Sunday Livestream service will be available on our home page, fpcgreensboro.org, and also on our live streaming page, fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live.

WHILE THE CAMPUS IS CLOSED, PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION ONLINE

- ▷ On our [home page](#), messages on our North Elm Notes blog from pastors and staff.
- ▷ On our [DIGITAL FORMATION](#) page, you will find the latest online ministry for all ages.
- ▷ Our [DIGITAL FORMATION LIBRARY](#) offers videos, special studies, children's programs, and more you may have missed.

JOIN THE 30-DAY JOURNEY to learn about issues of power, privilege, and systemic racism. Coordinated by the Race Equity Task Force. [Start here.](#)

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- **IF YOU HAVE A PASTORAL EMERGENCY**, contact the Pastor on Call at 336.908.8615. Leave a message with your phone number.
- **CHECK OUR [MEMBER RESOURCES PAGE](#)** for our online directory, staff list, and other information.
- **SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS AND OUR THURSDAY MORNING SUNDAY PREVIEW** on our [Connect](#) page.
- **SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS:** Text FPCGSO to 41411 and follow the instructions to opt in. (*Standard text rates may be applicable based on your individual carrier.*)

NEXT SUNDAY: Traditional Sanctuary worship service. Danny Massie continues the summer sermon series, "What Christ Expects of His Church: The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia," with "Laodicea: Lukewarmness." Also, our annual backpack blessing and GCS school supply collection. In church school, Danny continues a video study of the Book of Ruth.

PRAYERS FOR PARENTS: Sunday evenings, we will offer a simple prayer with a Bible verse on Facebook and Instagram. We hope these prayers will offer comfort and reassurance as our families prepare for a challenging start to the school year. The first week of school we will offer prayers each morning for our children and all the wonderful people who have a part in forming them. [More info here.](#)

IN MEMORIAM

Helen Mason Coulter
July 28, 2020

James "Jim" MacKenzie Scott
August 1, 2020

Betsy Barnes Simpson
August 3, 2020