

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

May 16, 2021

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Ascension Sunday  
Graduate Sunday  
May 16, 2021

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven O'clock**

- Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting and Invocation**

Dr. Wayne Brown

**\* Graduate Processional**

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski, organist  
*Pomp and Circumstance* Edward Elgar

**Graduate Recognition**

Hannah Grae Clark, Elizabeth Anne Hensley, Bryce Russel Kronenwetter,  
John Mitchell Sauls III, and Grace Marie Wheatley

**\* Hymn of Praise, No. 599**

CLONMEL

*We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord*  
(Please see this hymn on page 4.)

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 47

Congregation

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

People: **He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet,

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praise to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

People: **God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Leader: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

People: **For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.**

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 24:44-53

Mrs. Mary Jean Prince

**Hymn**

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*  
(Please see this hymn on page 5.)

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We invite children to come forward for the Children's sermon on the last stanza of this hymn. Afterward, children under the age of seven are welcome to attend Children's Church, or they may return to their seat and worship with the congregation.

**Children's Sermon**

Mrs. Donna Prince

**Pastoral Prayer**

Dr. Brown

## Worship Through Song

Chancel Choir  
Bridger Warlick, solo  
arr. Mark Schweizer

### *Love Is Little* (Traditional Shaker song)

Love is little, Love is low,  
Love will make our spirits grow;  
Grow in peace, grow in light;  
Love will do the thing that's right.

Love is silent, love is strong,  
Love will sing a quiet song;  
Sing of peace, sing of light,  
Love will do the thing that's right.

Love is gentle, love is small,  
Love will find the best of all;  
Find the peace, find the light,  
Love will do the thing that's right.

Love is wonder, love is grace,  
Love will bind all in its place;  
Grow in peace, grow in light,  
Love will do the thing that's right.

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31  
Psalm 27:1-14  
John 8:12  
1 Timothy 4:12-16

Dr. Brown

## Sermon

The Future Is as Bright as the Promises of God!

Dr. Brown

## \* Hymn of Commitment, No. 601

*Teach Me, O Lord I Pray*  
(Please see this hymn on page 6.)

DIADEMATA

## \* Benediction

Dr. Brown

## \* Postlude

*Hornpipes*

Mrs. Slomanski  
George Frideric Handel



The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Armond Carter by David, Chris & Janice and Brenda Carter.

Ascension Day, the fortieth day after Easter, marks the day on which Jesus went to the Mount of Olives with his disciples and ascended to heaven before their eyes (Acts 1:1-12).

The ascension is a witness and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds "on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1-2) to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Ephesians 1:10-23).

Finally, the ascension of Jesus serves as the prelude to Pentecost, when the power of the risen Christ came upon all believers through the Holy Spirit.

(copied and/or adapted from *The Worship Source Book*, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2004.)

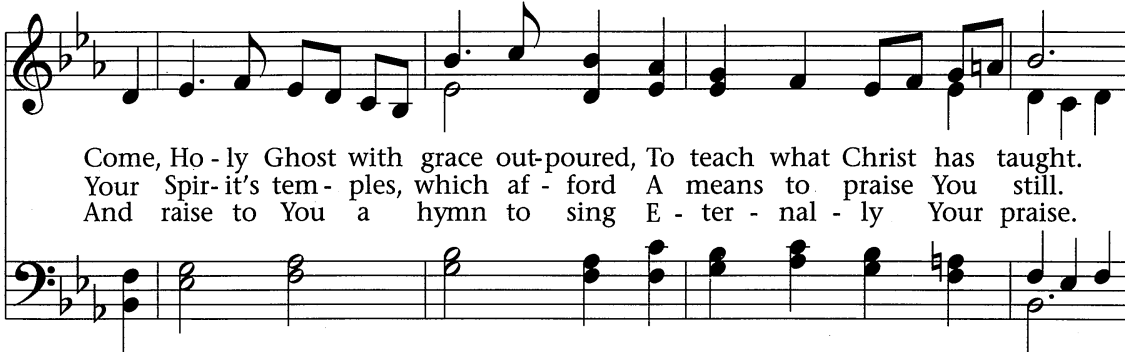
# 599 We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart ... soul ... mind ... and strength — Mark 12:30 NIV

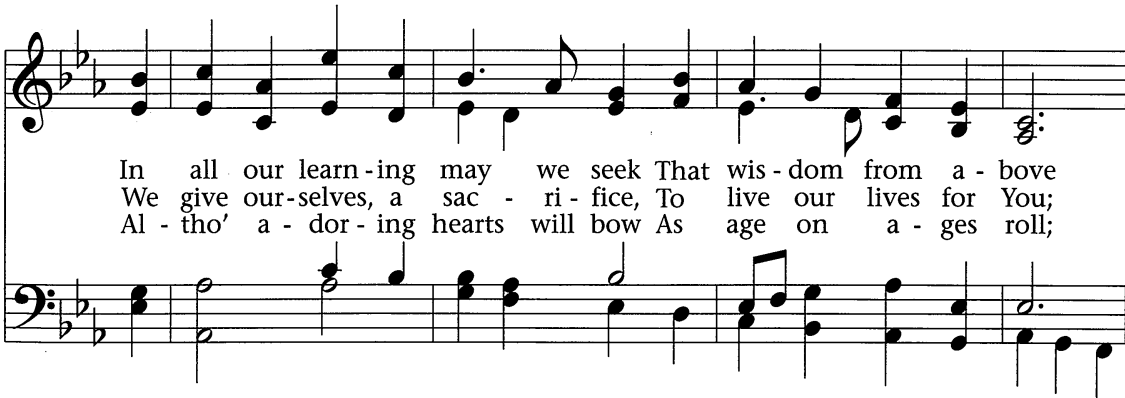
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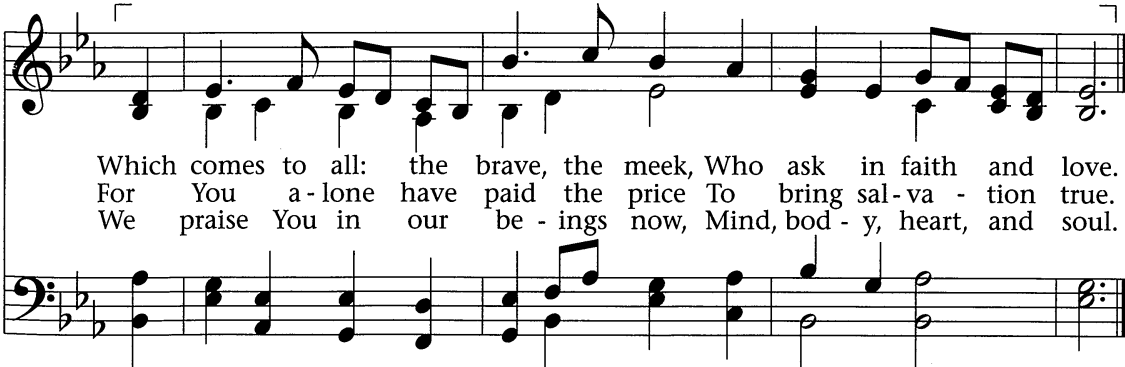
1. We praise You with our minds, O Lord, Kept sharp to think Your thought;  
2. We praise You thro' our bod - ies, Lord, Kept strong to do Your will;  
3. We praise You in our hearts, O King, Kept pure to know Your ways;



Come, Ho - ly Ghost with grace out-poured, To teach what Christ has taught.  
Your Spir - it's tem - ples, which af - ford A means to praise You still.  
And raise to You a hymn to sing E - ter - nal - ly Your praise.



In all our learn - ing may we seek That wis - dom from a - bove  
We give our - selves, a sac - ri - fice, To live our lives for You;  
Al - tho' a - dor - ing hearts will bow As age on a - ges roll;



Which comes to all: the brave, the meek, Who ask in faith and love.  
For You a - lone have paid the price To bring sal - va - tion true.  
We praise You in our be - ings now, Mind, bod - y, heart, and soul.

WORDS: Hugh T. McElrath, 1921-

MUSIC: Irish Melody; arr. William J. Reynolds, 1920-

CLONMEL

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# 258 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Lift up your heads, O you gates . . . that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in four columns, one for each system. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second system contains four lines of text. The third system contains four lines of text. The fourth system contains four lines of text. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. There for him high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. See! the heaven its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!  
See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
He has con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
still he calls the world his own. Al - le - lu - ia!  
bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.  
MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; arr. John Roberts, 1837

LLANFAIR  
7.7.7.7. Alleluias

## 601

## Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God — Psalm 143:10 NIV*

1. Teach me, O Lord, I pray, Your pre - cious truth di - vine;  
 2. Train me, O Lord, I pray, In knowl - edge and in skill;  
 3. Use me, O Lord, I pray, To shed Your light sub - lime

Lead me to un - der - stand Your Word And make its pre - cepts mine.  
 O dai - ly let me walk with You And do Your per - fect will.  
 To rich and poor, to high and low Of ev - 'ry race and clime.

Im - part Your wis - dom, Lord, Shed light up - on my way,  
 O train my heart and mind To serve You un - a - shamed,  
 O may Your flam - ing zeal Burn con - stant - ly and true,

That I may know Your bound - less love; Teach me, O Lord, I pray.  
 At home, a - broad, wher - e'er the Christ Has yet to be pro - claimed.  
 Till souls in dark - ness ev - 'ry - where Fall down and wor - ship You.

WORDS: G. Kearnie Keegan, 1907-1960

MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

DIADEMATA

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, May 16

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School in the fellowship hall with  
Rev. Wallyce Todd teaching  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Monday, May 17

- 9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, May 18

- 6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

### Wednesday, May 19

- 4:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Drive-through meal

### Saturday, May 22

- 5:00 p.m. Youth Pool Party at the Home of Tom  
& Tanya Clark

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Monday, May 23

- 11:00 a.m. Pulpit Guest Rev. Ricky Creech  
from Boys and Girls Homes of NC

### Monday, May 31

Office closed for Memorial Day

### Deacons of the Week

- 5/16 David Carter / Charlie Duncan  
5/23 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince  
5/30 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood  
6/06 David Carter / Charlie Duncan



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