

WORSHIP GUIDE for FEBRUARY 13, 2022

SETTING YOUR SPACE

Hi, Friends! I hope you can join FBC for a special Sunday tomorrow. It's Scout Sunday, an annual recognition and celebration of the relationship our church has had with Scouting for more than seven decades. Current Scouts will help usher and share during our service. And we'll take up another (unanswerable) question: "Does God change?" alongside another that asks us to think about change and adaptation: "If Jesus were teaching today, what metaphors would he use?" Bring your thoughts, opinions, voices, hearts, prayers, and we'll share all of that, in person or online. Thanks to each one of you for being part of all that we're creating together as a congregation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Fairest Lord Jesus by Hegarty & A New Song by Hughes
– Muriel Dresser, Organist

Welcome – Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor

Gathering Song: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (NC Hymnal #7)
– Marilyn Dresser, Miles Dresser, Muriel Dresser, Janet
Langenwalter, Gary Langenwalter

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Enter the sacred gates with praise,
with joy approach the temple walls.

Extol and bless our God always,
as people whom the Spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good,
whose mercy is forever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Children's Time & Prayers - Scouts

Communal Prayer from Matthew 6

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture: Jonah 3

The word of God came a second time to Jonah: "Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach to them as I told you to do." Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of God. Nineveh was a city large beyond compare; it took three days to cross it. Jonah moved on into the city, making a day's journey. He proclaimed, "Only 40 days more, and Nineveh is going to be destroyed!" So the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. When the news reached the ruler of Nineveh, he rose from his judgment-seat, took off his royal robes and dressed in sackcloth, and sat down in ashes. A decree was then proclaimed throughout Nineveh, by decree of the ruler and the ruler's ministers, as follows: "Citizens and beasts, herds and flocks, are to taste nothing! You must not eat anything, and you must not drink any water. You must all dress in sackcloth and call on God with all your might; you must renounce your sinful ways and the evil things you did. Who knows - maybe God will have a change of mind and relent! Perhaps God's

burning wrath will be withdrawn so that we don't perish." God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behavior. And God relented by not inflicting on them the disaster that threatened them.

Sermon: "Questions about Constancy" – Erika

Testimony – Bill Millar

Response Song: *Creator God, Creating Still* (NC Hymnal #278)

– Marilyn Dresser, Miles Dresser, Muriel Dresser, Janet Langenwalter, Gary Langenwalter))

Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed,
Create a new humanity to meet the present need.

Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace,
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.

Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day,
Empower us now to do your will. Correct us when we stray.

Great Triune God, for this new day we need your presence still.
Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will.

Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Erika Marksbury

One: Gracious One, in your mercy...

All: ...hear our prayers.

Reach of Our Gifts: Virtual Mission Trip – Don Watson

Closing Words – Rev. Erika Marksbury

Going Forth Song: *In the Bulb, There is a Flower* (NC Hymnal #433)

**- Marilyn Dresser, Miles Dresser, Muriel Dresser, Janet
Langenwalter, Gary Langenwalter**

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Benediction- Rev. Erika Marksbury

One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude - Westminster Abbey by Purcell - Muriel

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