



**Opening Worship**  
Wednesday, July 15, 2022 1:00 PM

Order of Worship

+ You're invited to stand in body or in spirit. | **Bold** words are spoken responsively.

OPENING MUSIC

OPENING SONG

*Follow Me*

Mark A. Miller

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+CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. John Carter (adapt.)

All: **Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?**

*(Refrain)* **Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.**

*(Refrain)* **Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.**

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*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. René Clausen (adapt.)

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
mount of God's redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer;**

**hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

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*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

arr. Chris R. Hansen

**Guide me, O my great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
ever be my strength and shield,  
ever be my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to thee,  
I will ever sing to thee.**

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+OPENING SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:1a, 5-7 (NRSV) Rev. Abraham Zimmerman  
<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the Lord...<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

As those who were created by God for God's glory  
may we worship God's holy name.

ACT OF PRAISE *Let It Rise* Holland Davis

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SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 22:1-2 Vanessa Parker

SERMON Bishop William T. McAlilly

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Velma T. Parker

INVITATION Rev. Carlos Uroza

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 not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
*All may offer silent prayers of confession.*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

OFFERING

*Be Ye Glad*

arr. Kauflin/Coates (adapt.)

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DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop William T. McAlilly, Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton  
Musical Setting by Mark A Miller

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
In the beginning when nothing existed but chaos,  
you spoke, and the waters that covered the earth receded,  
revealing dry land as a canvas for your creative work.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
In the days of Noah  
you saved those on the ark through water.  
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.  
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,  
you led them to freedom through the sea.  
Their children you brought through the Jordan  
to the land which you promised.  
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day  
when justice shall roll down like waters  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,  
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,  
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time,  
nurtured in the water of a womb.  
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
At his ascension you exalted him  
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC

*My Hope is Built /And Are We Yet Alive* arr. Page/Dow/Hook

**My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*(Refrain)* **On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood,  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *(Refrain)***

**And are we yet alive,  
And see each other's face?  
Glory and praise to Jesus give  
For His redeeming grace.**

**Preserved by power divine  
To full salvation here,  
Again in Jesus' praise we join,  
And in His sight appear.**

*(Refrain)* **On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**What troubles have we seen,  
What conflicts have we passed,  
Fightings without, and fears within,  
Since we assembled last.**

**But out of all the Lord  
Hath brought us by His love;  
And still He doth His help afford,  
And hides our life above.**

*(Refrain)* **On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**Then let us make our boast  
Of His redeeming power,  
Which saves us to the uttermost,  
Till we can sin no more.**

**Let us take up the cross  
Till we the crown obtain;  
And gladly reckon all things loss,  
So we may Jesus gain.**

*(Refrain)* **On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

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CLOSING MUSIC

*Down by the Riverside*

African American Spiritual

## WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Bishop William T. McAllilly

PRESIDERS: Bishop William T. McAllilly, Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton

### LITURGISTS:

Rev. Abraham Zimmerman, Pastor  
Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Hartsville United Methodist Church  
Vanessa Parker  
Rev. Velma T. Parker, Chaplain  
Davidson County Sheriff's Office  
Rev. Carlos Uroza, Pastor  
Woodbine United Methodist Church

### GUEST SOLOISTS:

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wilson, Founder and Director,  
The Junius B Dotson Institute for Music and Worship in the Black Church and BEYOND  
(Garrett-Evangelical Seminary)

### ORGANIST:

Gayle Sullivan, Director of Music Ministries  
Belmont United Methodist Church

### WORSHIP ENSEMBLE

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Helen Allen        | Diana Sanchez-Bushong             |
| Emma Bushong       | Sheila Suddeth                    |
| Tim Bushong        | John Thomas                       |
| Carolyn Dandridge  | Johnathan Vest (vocals and piano) |
| Rev. Linda Furtado | Monya Logan, piano                |
| Rev. Jackson Henry | Brady Spencer, drums              |
| Rev. Amy Martin    | Brian Allen, bass                 |
| Annie Mitchell     |                                   |
| Stephen Richardson |                                   |

DANCE MINISTRY: choreographed by Carrie Gerow

Ashlyn Hall  
Allison Hardee  
Phylicia Roybal  
Carrie Gerow

BRASS: The Bradley Brass

Alan Suska, Trumpet  
Marty Los, Trumpet  
Robyn Ryan, French Horn  
Roger Bradley, Trombone  
G.R. Davis, Tuba

BANNER & WATER CARRIERS

District Representatives

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