

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## Chiming of the Hour

## Preparation for Worship

### Prelude

*Adagio—from Violin Sonata in G minor*

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

### \* Call to Worship

inspired by Psalm 119

O God, you are righteous, transform us by your commandments!

**Your judgments are upright, transform us by your decrees!**

Your precepts are unforgettable, transform us by your Word!

**Give us understanding and we will live.**

**Re-form us, reconcile us, transform us by your Word!**

### \* Hymn of Praise No. 622

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;**

**I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;**

**bread of heaven, bread of heaven,**

**feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;**

**let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;**

**strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,**

**be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;**

**bear me through the swelling current; land me safe on Canaan's side;**

**songs of praises, songs of praises,**

**I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

### \* Prayer of Praise

Donnis and Ghazi Sakran

## Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Lia Scholl

*All Are Welcome*

words and arrangement by Marty Haugen

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe-ly live, a  
6 place where saints and chil-dren tell how hearts learn to for-give. Built of  
10 hopes and dreams and vi-sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall  
15 end di-vi-sions: All are wel-come, all are wel-come,  
18 all are wel-come in this place.

## Prayers of the People

### Hymn of Offering No. 417

*We Place upon Your Table*

WINCHESTER NEW

**We place upon your table, Lord,  
the food of life, the bread and wine,  
as symbols of our daily work,  
according to your grand design.**

**Within these simple things there lie  
the height and depth of human life:  
our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils,  
our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.**

**Accept them, Lord, they come from you;  
we take them humbly from your hand.**

**These gifts of yours for higher use  
we offer up as you command.**

*Ushers come forward on the final verse.*

### Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

### \* Offertory Response

*Praise God whose dawn transfigures night*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,  
Whose Daystar shines for us on high.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Whose Spirit brings into our sight,  
The hope which to our world draws nigh.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!**

*The children remain in worship today.*

### \* Offertory Prayer

## Introduction to Our Sacred Text

### Lesson from the Gospels

Luke 6:27-36, THE INCLUSIVE BIBLE

To you who hear me, I say: love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. When they slap you on one cheek, turn and give them the other; when they take your coat, let them have your shirt as well. Give to all who beg from you. When someone takes what is yours, don't demand it back.

“Do to others what you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit does that do you? even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. If you do good only to those who do good to you, what credit does that do you? Even ‘sinners’ do as much. If you lend to those you expect to repay you, what credit does that do you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to other ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. Love your enemies and do good to them. Lend without expecting repayment, and your reward will be great. You’ll rightly be called children of the Most High, since God is good even to the ungrateful and the wicked.

“Be compassionate, as your loving God is compassionate.”

### Anthem

*The Father's Love*

Simon Lole

*As the Father has lov'd me, so have I lov'd you.*

*Remain in my love.*

*This is my commandment:*

*that you love one another as I have lov'd you,  
then your joy will be complete.*

*God is love, and those who live in love,  
live in God and God lives in them.*

### Sermon

*Love Your Enemies*

Lia Scholl

### Communion

*We'll share Communion by intinction. Receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and eat. All are welcome, no exceptions.*

### \* Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 609

*Take My Life*

HENDON

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.**

**Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.**

**Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing; unto to God my praise I bring.**

**Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.**

**Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.**

**Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.**

**Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.**

*We invite you to commit your life to Christ as a disciple and to join our church as a member. You may also wish to reaffirm your faith in Christ or make other commitments. You are welcome to come forward at this time.*

## Announcements

### Choral Benediction No. 437

*Go Now in Peace*

Natalie Sleeth, (1976)

### \* Benediction

### Postlude

*Trumpet Recessional*

Donald Collander

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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### Sunday, February 5, 2017

- 11:00 Worship in Wait Chapel
- 12:00 Reception in Narthex  
College Pancake Brunch

### Wednesday, February 8, 2017

- 10:00 Community Office Hours, Church Office
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper: Soup, Salad, and Dessert

### Saturday, February 11

- 8:30 Moral March in Raleigh

### Sunday, February 12

- 9:45 Sunday School Classes  
Godly Play  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 Worship in Wait Chapel
- 12:00 Reception in the Narthex

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Today** (as every first Sunday) we'll take a special offering for the hungry in Winston-Salem. All loose cash and designated checks go to fight hunger locally. In addition, you see our gifts to share with Samaritan Ministries. Bring your large cans of vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce, coffee, rice, pasta, and pepper, cheap flip-flops in larger sizes, disposable safety razors, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and soap on the first Sunday of the month.

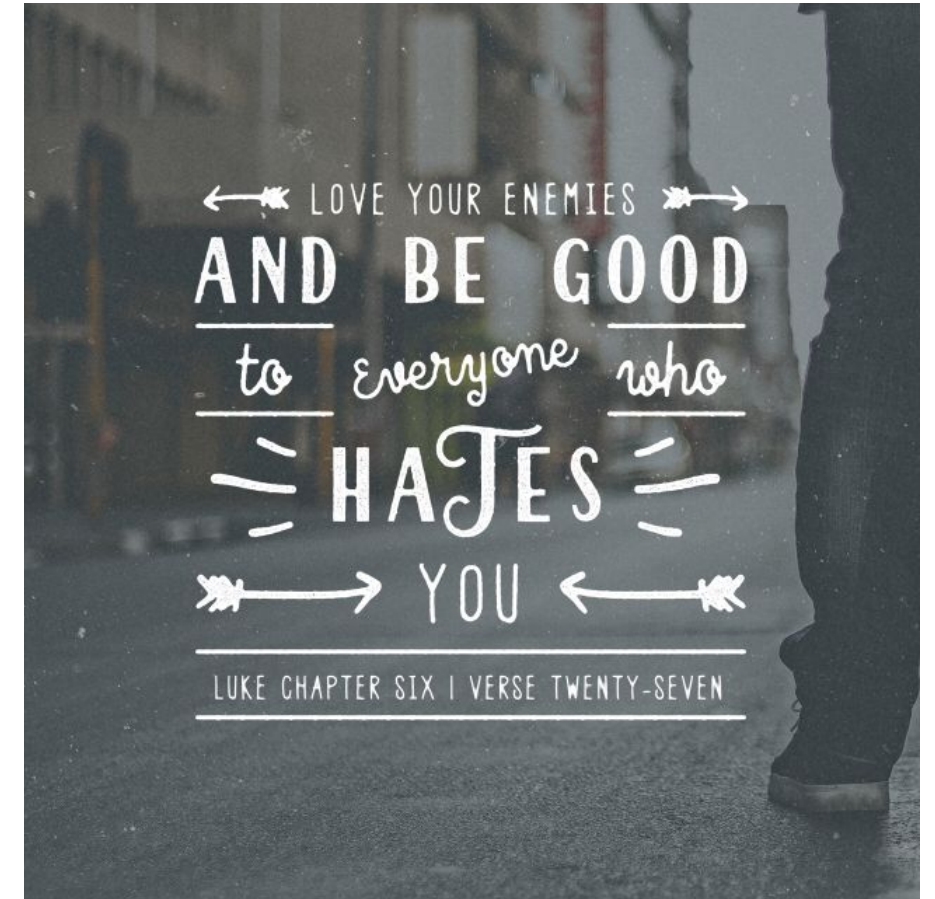
**Wednesday night supper this week will be soup, salad, and dessert.** If you'd like to help by preparing a salad or soup, please let Judy Lovelace know.

**The Moral March on Raleigh is this Saturday, beginning at 8:30 am.** This is part of a love and justice movement fighting for an intersectional agenda to support public education, economic sustainability, workers' rights and livable wages, health care for all, Medicaid expansion, environmental justice, equal protection under the law without regard to race, immigration status, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation, voting rights for all, and criminal justice. We will meet at the Church Office at 6:30 a.m. to travel together. If you cannot attend, there are other ways to help. Contact Elizabeth Corney or Eve Andrews for more information.

**College Students and Young Adults:** After worship, please join us for pancakes and conversation downstairs in the Lower Auditorium.

**Hearing Devices and Large Print Hymnals** are available. Talk with an usher if you need assistance. **Audio recordings** of the Worship Service are available on the church website. **Music and Lyrics** are reprinted with permission of OneLicense # A-719218.

**Before worship next Sunday,** we invite you to read the Gospel lesson Luke 7:18-35.



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