



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

July 5, 2020

Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. GFBC is an inclusive community of faith, which means we welcome, affirm, and include all God's people in their diversity of genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church this morning exactly as you are.

We would love to get to know you and for you to get to know us better. Follow us on social media or visit gfbccary.org to learn more.

Welcome to worship!

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of faith

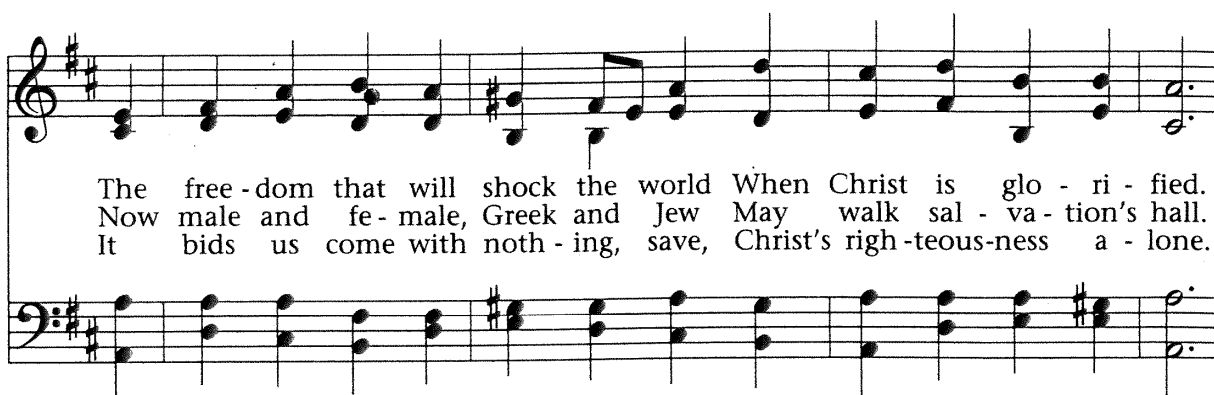
Chiming of the Hour

◆ Gathering Hymn

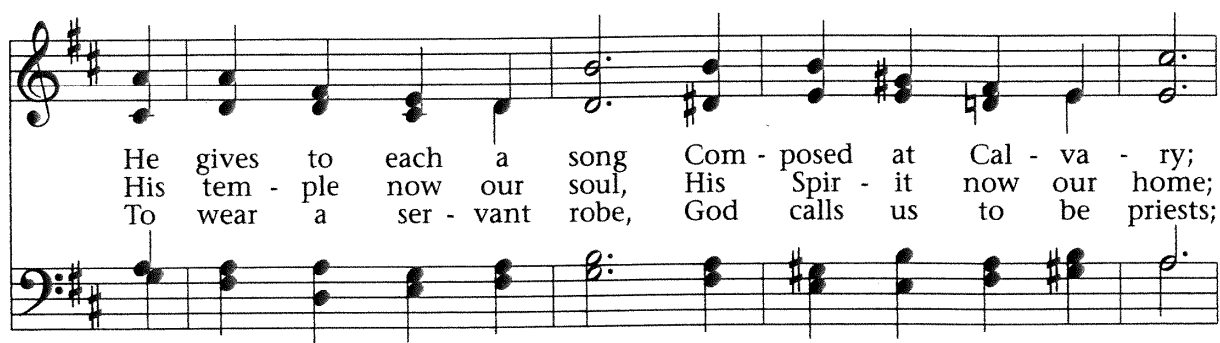
A Servant of the Least



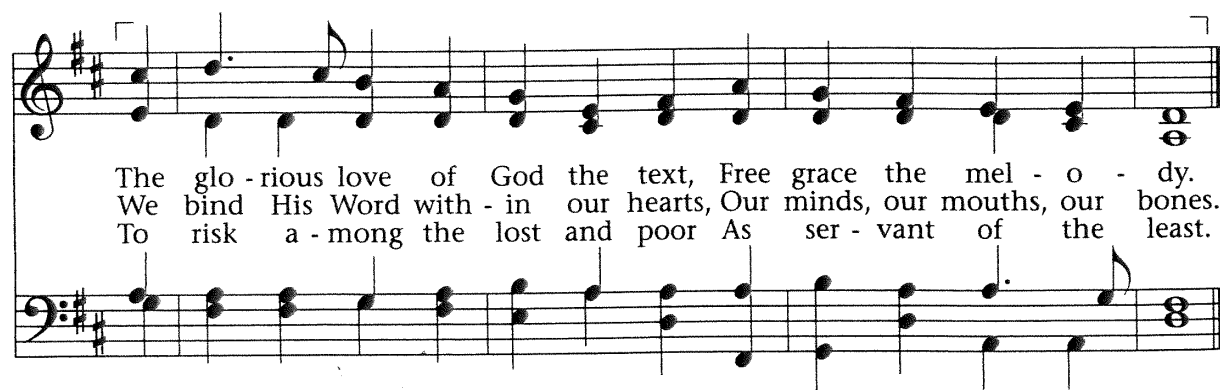
1. No pris - on wall can hold, No tem - ple veil can hide
 2. Cal - va - ry tore the veil That hid God's face from all;
 3. Shat - ter - ing wall and veil, Love leads us to God's throne.



The free - dom that will shock the world When Christ is glo - ri - fied.
 Now male and fe - male, Greek and Jew May walk sal - va - tion's hall.
 It bids us come with noth - ing, save, Christ's righ - teous - ness a - lone.



He gives to each a song Com - posed at Cal - va - ry;
 His tem - ple now our soul, His Spir - it now our home;
 To wear a ser - vant robe, God calls us to be priests;



The glo - rious love of God the text, Free grace the mel - o - dy.
 We bind His Word with - in our hearts, Our minds, our mouths, our bones.
 To risk a - mong the lost and poor As ser - vant of the least.

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

◆ Passing of the Peace

Rev. Efird

Call to Worship (Psalm 86:11-17)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

People: Give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

People: And I will glorify your name forever.

Leader: For great is your steadfast love toward me;

People: You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Leader: O God, the insolent rise up against me;

People: A band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

Leader: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant;

People: Save the child of your serving girl.

Leader: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,

People: Because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

1. "For free - dom, Christ has set us free!" What joy ___ is ours to
 2. We're clothed in ___ Christ and we belong; Now no ___ one waits out
 3. Now, Spir - it - filled, may we be led From ways that would de-

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 claim! No more en - slaved, hu - man - i - ty Finds life ___ in Je - sus'
 side. In him we ___ find our common song; Old ways no more di -
 stroy. May we your peo - ple turn in - stead To lives ___ of love and

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 name. We ___ try, Lord, to be just - i - fied Through ___
 vide. "It ___ is no long - er I who ___ live, But ___
 joy. May ___ we find peace that makes us ___ whole And ___

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 all the works we do. Yet you a - dopt us,
 Christ who lives in me." He died for ___ us, new
 pa - tience ev - ery - where. God, give us ___ kind - ness,

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 say - ing, "Child, It's Christ who makes you new."
 life to give— And new i - dent - i - ty.
 self - con - trol, And hearts and hands that share.

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ Presentation of the Offering

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As our offering is presented back to God, we will sing the following doxology:

Transcendent God, we bless your name,
Incarnate Christ, the risen one,
The Spirit with us, Immanent,
The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Efird

We affirm each prayer with the following response:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

We conclude the Prayers of the People with 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Rev. Efird

We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer;
In the morning when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer.
Keep me safe within your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done,
And you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory;
And to hear you say, "Well done!"

Done with sin and sorrow.
Have mercy. Mercy.

Sermon

Freedom's Coming and It Won't Be Long

Rev. Dr. Stacks

◆ Hymn

Break Every Chain

Will Reagan

There is power in the name of Jesus,
There is power in the name of Jesus,
There is power in the name of Jesus.
To break every chain.

All sufficient sacrifice,
So freely given, such a price for
Our redemption, heaven's gates
Swing wide.

There's a people rising up,
There's a people rising up,
There's a people rising up,
To break every chain.

◆ Benediction

Rev. Efird

◆ Postlude

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

arr. Frank Stoldt

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Focus on Community

Prayer Concerns

Jim Allen	Janice Medford	Gerald Radford
Nell Allen	Janet Merriman	<i>(Susan Beck's friend)</i>
Peter Barboriak	<i>(Roz Slawson's friend)</i>	Miriam Rodriguez
<i>(Valerie Brooks' friend)</i>	Warren Miller, Jr.	<i>(Roz Slawson's sister)</i>
Gilles Bikindou	<i>(Randy Palmer's cousin)</i>	Fred Seeger
Kitty Blanton	John Morgan	Mildred Shaver
Marjorie Floyd	Sara McMillan Perkinson	<i>(Sally Shaver's mother)</i>
James Mark Frazier	<i>(Leon and Sue Perkinson's</i>	Dave Thomas
<i>(Sue Hughes's brother)</i>	<i>daughter-in-law)</i>	Alison Zieglmeier
		Our partner church,

Cultivate Community Challenge

As we miss being able to worship together, we encourage you to think of this time as physical distancing instead of social distancing. Our connections to each other are more important than ever. The Cultivate Community Challenge until we are able to be together in person again is to continue to find creative ways to connect with each other.

Announcements and Updates

Antiracist Reading Groups

Our antiracist reading groups began reading their first book this week. If you did not join this session but are interested in joining for the next book we read, email Rev. Stacks at stephen.stacks@gfbccary.org.

Backpack Buddies Update

Due to the ongoing hunger crisis resulting from the pandemic, the Backpack Buddies program will not be going on hiatus this summer. Because the program is continuing beyond its normal end date, we will need new packers, food purchasers, deliverers, and new double-bagged plastic bags to deliver food. Groups for any of these roles are still limited to families that are already exposed to one another on a regular basis so that we can keep our volunteers safe. If you or your family would like to serve in any of these roles or you have plastic bags you'd like to donate, please contact Karen Upchurch at kaupchurch@gmail.com.

Faith Formation via Zoom

In addition to the upcoming antiracist reading groups, some of our Faith Formation classes are meeting via Zoom. Special Studies is meeting Mondays at 2pm, Crossroads is meeting Sundays at 9:30am, and Agape is meeting at various times on Sundays. Contact your Faith Formation leadership for more details.

Update from the Stewardship Ministry

Dear Congregation,

You can help ensure we finish our church giving year strong! As the summer is upon us and some of our regular routines are put aside for trips to the beach or relaxing days at home, I want to encourage you to keep up your regular giving! We had a big drop last week in tithes, which we hope is a one-time occurrence and not a pattern for the summer.

Our church's work and outreach continue, even if we cannot be physically together. Thanks to all of you who have continued to send your tithes by mail or online – and a big thanks to all of you who have switched to regular online giving. If you have any questions about sending in your gifts – or setting up online giving – please contact the church office or see the details on the following page.

In Peace,

Elizabeth Biser, Stewardship Deacon

Update from the Finance Committee

2019-2020 Budget:	\$864,000
Amount supported through stewardship giving:	\$804,000

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Total Giving	\$ 6,410	\$ 916,928
Less Together We Build Giving	\$ 0	\$ 290,378
Less Other Designated Giving	<u>\$ 450</u>	<u>\$ 42,422</u>
Actual Stewardship Giving	\$ 5,960	\$ 584,128
Stewardship Giving needed to fully subscribe budget	<u>\$ 14,533</u>	<u>\$ 673,202</u>
Over (Under)	\$ (8,573)	\$ (89,074)

Giving Options at Greenwood Forest

In the midst of the pandemic, there is something simple that we can all do for the church that will make a huge difference—set up online giving. Every Sunday that we are not at church, we experience a decline in giving. Even though we are not physically together, the church still has to pay its bills, our wonderful staff, and make sure that our church is prepared to help the most vulnerable among us especially during this pandemic.

There are three ways to tithe online:

1. Set up an automatic payment through your bank using the “Bill Pay” function. This will result in your bank mailing a check to the church on a weekly or monthly basis.
2. Give online through the church website. Simply go to gfbccary.org/give to access the online giving module.
3. Set up an automated bank draft by filling out the form attached to the bulletin, attaching a voided check, and mailing it to the church office at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, 110 SE Maynard Road, Cary, NC 27511.

Together, we can make sure that Greenwood Forest can continue to serve our community for years to come!



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Cary, NC 27511
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info@gfbcccary.org

- New Draft
 Replace Existing Draft
 Cancel Draft

Effective Date: _____

Authorization Agreement for Automated Bank Draft

Automated Payment Authorization

I (we) hereby authorize Greenwood Forest Baptist Church to initiate debit entries to my (our) account designated below at the depository financial institution named below and to debit same account. I authorize credit entries, if necessary, for any debit entries that are determined to be in error. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Greenwood Forest Baptist Church has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination that is to be received at least five (5) business days prior to the proposed effective date of the termination of the authorization.

Financial Institution Information

Financial Institution Name: _____

Routing Number: _____ (9 digits on bottom left corner of check)

Account Number: _____ Type: Checking Savings

Account Information

Account Holder Name(s): _____

Full Mailing Address _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Debit Account Every: Month Twice a Month Week

- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

Amount of Each Debit: \$ _____

- Stewardship Giving Portion: \$ _____
- Designated Giving to: _____ Portion: \$ _____
- Designated Giving to: _____ Portion: \$ _____
- Designated Giving to: _____ Portion: \$ _____

Please attach a voided check to this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efird, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
