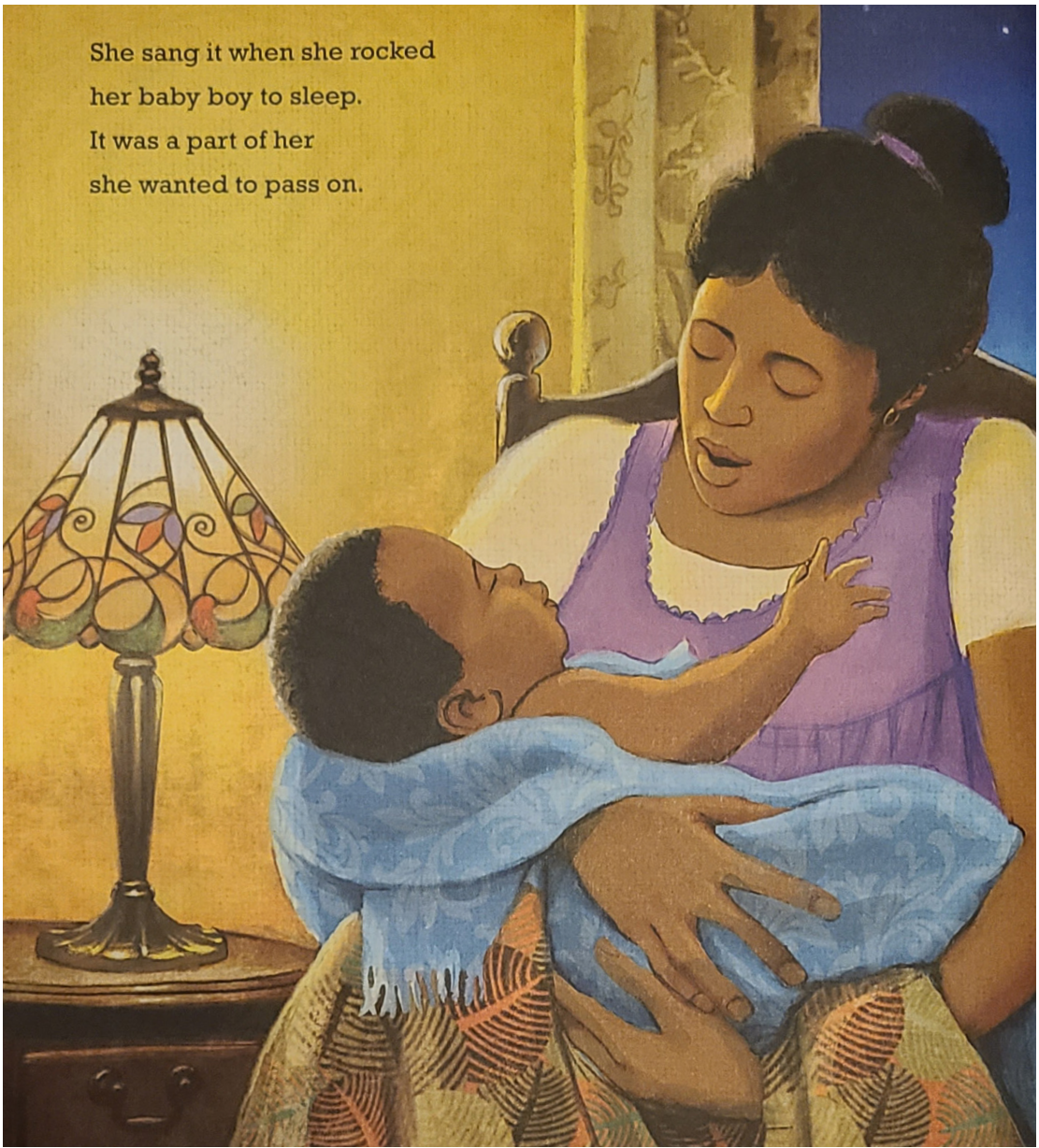


She sang it when she rocked  
her baby boy to sleep.  
It was a part of her  
she wanted to pass on.



# Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

July 2, 2023



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**Greenwood Forest**  
Baptist Church

**an inclusive  
community  
of faith**

# Welcome

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We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest Baptist Church 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 exactly as you are.

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**Bulletin Art:** *Keith Mallett's art in Sing a Song by Kelly Starling Lyons. The children's book is about "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which we will sing in worship today. You can buy the book wherever books are sold. You can find the artist's work at [keithmallett.com](http://keithmallett.com) and the author's work at [kellystarlinglyons.com](http://kellystarlinglyons.com).*

## REMINDERS



Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers. There is also a glider in the back of the sanctuary if you need to rock your little ones.



Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary along with a transcript of the sermon.



Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.



Gender-neutral, single-occupant bathrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary in the Narthex.



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# Announcements Church Events and Updates

## Summer Program Underway

The Neighborhood Summer Program happens every summer for local kids. The program offers food (breakfast and lunch) and summer enrichment activities for children of all ages. You can bring your child to the Kirk of Kildaire Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 20 to August 17 from 9am to 1pm. Greenwood Forest members serve as volunteers to help on Thursdays during the summer and you can sign up at [gfbccary.org/summer](http://gfbccary.org/summer). Ask Wes if you need any more information!

## Yarn Donations Needed

During the Summer Program, Marlen Ruegg leads a crafting class with local parents on Thursday mornings. We need donations of chunky yarn and Red Hearts brand worsted weight yarn to support the program. If you would like to help in the class, you can reach out to Rev. Wes Spears-Newsome, as well!

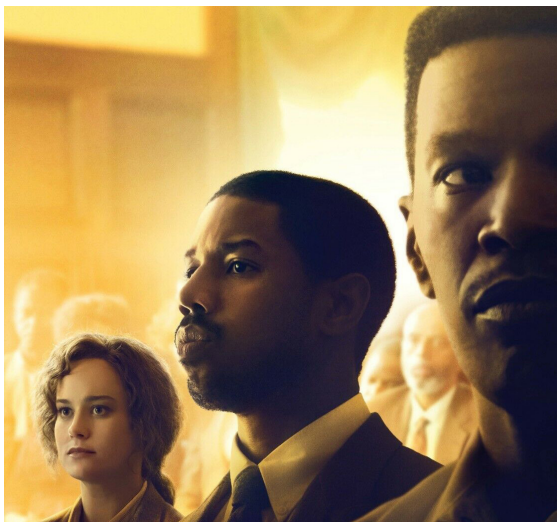
## Congregational Surveys

**Last chance!** We have two surveys we'd like everyone to fill out, one focused on your spiritual life and your place at church. You can find the Spiritual Life survey at [gfbccary.org/life](http://gfbccary.org/life) and the Find Your Place survey at [gfbccary.org/place](http://gfbccary.org/place).

Your responses shape the life of the church in important ways because we wouldn't be who we are without you. These surveys will be open for responses for the next few weeks and we want to hear from you soon!

## Community Concert on 7/8

Come join us at a concert at the Northwest Cary YMCA Courtyard (6911 Carpenter Fire Station Road Cary, NC 27519) in partnership with Crosspointe Church! On July 8 at 7pm, Spencer Lajoie, an LGBTQ Christian folk artist will be performing a filmed concert of their upcoming album and back catalog. Search for their most famous song on YouTube, Plowshare Prayer, to get a sense of what the concert will be like. Buy tickets (\$5) at [gfbccary.org/lajoie](http://gfbccary.org/lajoie).



## Film Screening This Sunday at 2pm!

We'll be screening *Just Mercy* about the life of Bryan Stevenson this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 2pm. There's no cost to attend and all are welcome!

# Community Notes Prayer Requests and Giving



## PRAY

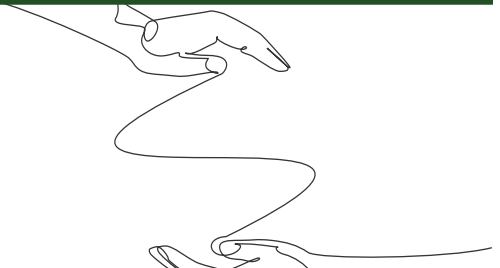
*Please keep in prayer these members of our community and their friends and family. To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.*

Nell Allen  
Gilles Bikindou  
Valerie Brooks  
Karen Burden at the death of her mother  
Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)  
Debra Davis (friend of Susan Beck)  
Elaine Dodson  
Stephanie Fancher (friend of Gerry Ritter)  
Vanna Fox  
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)  
Tony Izydor (Roz Slawson's nephew-in-law)  
Diedre Scofield Queen (friend of Valerie Brooks)  
Fred Seeger  
Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist in Cuba

### Thank You Note

*Dear GFBC friends: Thanks, so much, for the prayers, cards, words of concern, and visits during Patti's illness and hospitalization. It has meant a lot to know that we have a caring congregation. Although her recovery has been going slowly, we are glad to report that she is making progress. Please continue your prayers for us.*

*Peace, Lee and Patti Webb*



## GIVING

*All of the ministries of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church are supported by members of our community like you. Thank you! Supporting us is easy. You can:*

- Give online at [gfbccary.org/give](http://gfbccary.org/give)
- Place your gift in the offering plate before or after worship.
- Set up an automated bank draft through the church office.
- Set up a recurring gift through your bank's "bill pay" function.

A monthly finance update is available in the weekly church email. If you're not receiving our weekly email and would like to, please contact the church office.

### Monthly Ministry Highlight:

#### Neighborhood Summer Program

*The Neighborhood Summer Program meets the needs of neighborhood children through both food and summer enrichment. For children on the traditional school calendar, summer can be a time without food provided at school as well as learning. This year, over 100 participants are benefiting from this partnership between GFBC, the Kirk of Kildaire, Cary Presbyterian, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Without your gifts, none of this work is possible!*

# Order of Worship 5th Sunday after Pentecost

† This icon indicates an invitation to stand or express reverence however you see fit.

📖 This icon indicates a worship aid is available in the righthand column.

🎵 Hymns and song lyrics are available in the songbook following the Order of Worship.

## Chiming of the Hour

### Prelude

**Welcome to Worship** | *Rev. Lauren Eford*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

### Passing of the Peace 📖

**Call to Worship (Ps. 13)** | *Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome*

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

**How long will you hide your face from me?**

How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

**How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

**Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";**

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

**But I trusted in your steadfast love;**

My heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**I will sing to the LORD, because God has dealt bountifully with me.**

**Invocation** | *Rev. Spears-Newsome*

† **Hymn** | *Lift Every Voice and Sing (pg. 7)*

**Offertory Prayer** | *Steve Denning*

Today's color is **green**, representing growth and new life.

Thank you to Leanne Glasgow for leading hymn singing this week.

### The Passing of the Peace

The passing of the peace is a symbolic enactment of the reconciling love and mercy of God in our midst. We express it through a peace sign, a handshake, a wave, or many other expressions of peace. Be mindful and considerate of others' desire for physical space or distance.

### Prayer in Worship

We use many kinds of prayers in worship. The Call to Worship is a communal prayer using call and response. The Invocation is a single individual inviting (or invoking) God into our worship this morning. The Prayers of the People uses intercessory prayer to ask God to come to the world's aid. The benediction is a blessing offered over those gathered in worship.

† **Doxology** | *Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN* 📖

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
O praise God. Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise God! O praise God!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Prayers of the People** | *Rev. Spears-Newsome* 📖  
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

**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.**

† **Hymn** | *O For a World* (pg. 9)

**Reading** | *1 Samuel 2:1-10* | *Leanne Glasgow*  
The word of God for us, the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** | *Canticle of the Turning* (pg. 6)

**Sermon** | *Hannah's Song* | *Rev. Efird*

**Communion** | *Rev. Efird* 📖

**Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be obedient disciples. 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've not loved our neighbors, and we've not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we've left undone, and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Mystery of Faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**Hymn** | *From Every Race, From Every Clime* (pg. 10)

† **Benediction** | *Rev. Efird*

**Postlude**

**The Doxology**

A “doxology” is a short hymn that usually praises the Trinity. We sing the doxology as we symbolically present our offerings back to God.

**The Prayers of the People**

This prayer typically has five parts: a confession, prayers for the earth, prayers for the world, prayers for the church, and prayers for those with needs in our own community.

**Communion**

During Communion, we gather around the table as Christ showed us, to remember and give thanks. We have an open table—all who wish to take Communion are invited. We practice intinction, which means you receive a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. A gluten-free option is available on the altar.

# **Anthem** Canticle of the Turning

Rory Cooney | Susan Meador, Soloist | Chris Beal, Guitar | Adam Efird, Percussion | Helen Bishop, Flute

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forbears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

# Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en  
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - ening  
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - tening  
died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
way; Thou who hast by Thy might, led us in - to the

skies, let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
feet, come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered,  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee.

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 Thee; shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

# O For a World

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

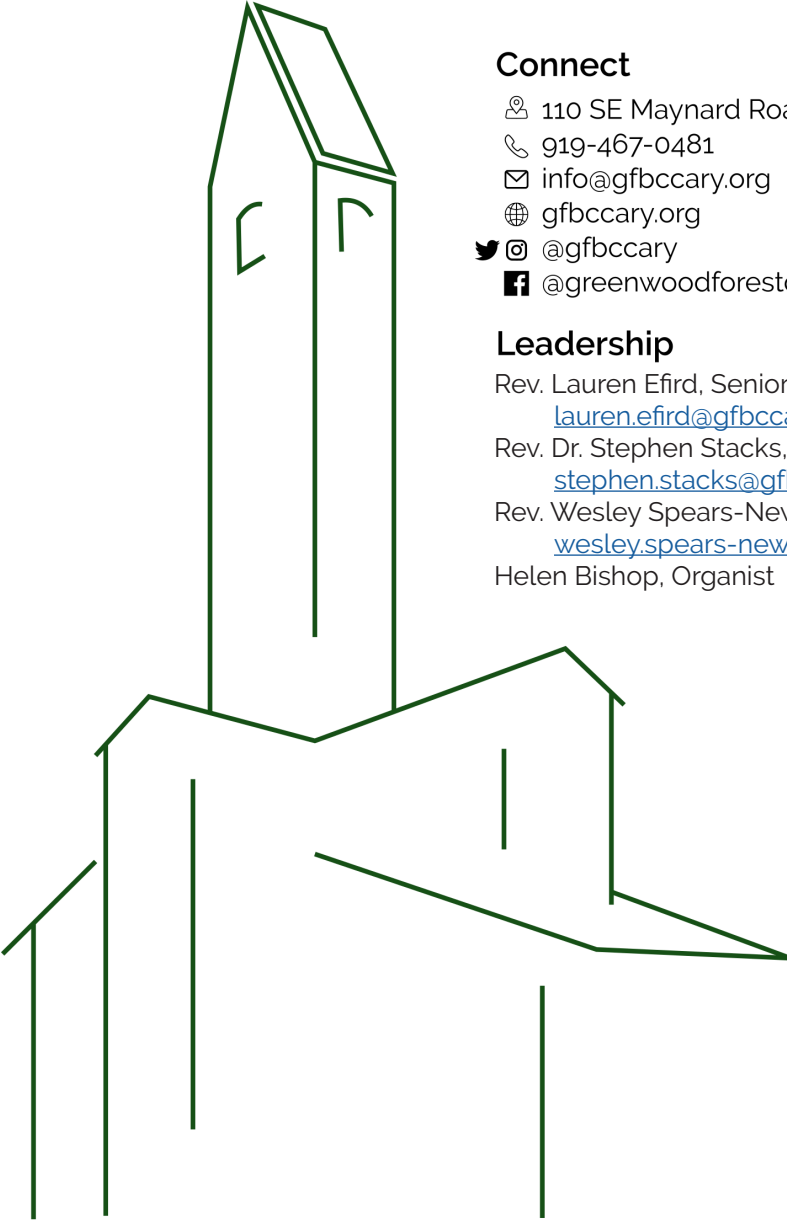
where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

# From Every Race, From Every Clime

1. From ev - ery race, from ev - ery clime Your  
2. Par - tak - ing of the bread, we know our  
3. Through - out the world Your ta - ble's set, dear  
4. From north to south, from east to west we

peo - ple gath - ered 'round the em - blems of Your  
strength from You de - rives, and as we take the  
Lord, our Sav - ior, Guide, in hope we know that  
gath - er to re - call in rev - erent mem - o -

grace sub - lime with grat - i - tude a - bound.  
cup, we go to wit - ness with our lives.  
we shall yet in fel - low - ship a - bide.  
ry Your blest re - demp - tive love for all.



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