THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

Elijah, hiding from Ahab and Jezebel in the cave, is passionate because he is endangered. But God's response is fully focused on the public mission and is not at all interested in the suffering or the fear of the prophet.

God's address to the prophet, still licking his wounds, is a massive imperative: "Go!" *Go back* to the conflict, *go back* to the trouble, *go back* to the risk.

For Moses the consequence of encountering God is the conflict with Pharaoh. For Elijah it's going back to face Ahab. For Jesus it is the cross.

~ Walter Brueggemann, <u>Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary:</u> 1 and 2 Kings, 2000, pp. 236-237 and 241 (adapted).

GATHERING

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

Thaxted Anne McClain, organ

† INVOCATION Ad. fr. Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, Mr. Beddingfield

Augsburg-Fortress, 2002.

God of awe, from whom we cover our faces in holy terror:

Your silence thunders in the darkest night,

your whisper cuts through our deepest fears.

We long to hear your gracious words of righteousness and mercy, of faithfulness and peace.

Bless us with bold belief during the assault of life's storms,

when enemies surround us and hope seems to fail,

so that we may know your unfailing presence,

and may become your messengers of goodness and love to a hurting world.

This we pray in the name of the One who speaks in earthquake, wind and fire,

but also in voices both still and small; Amen.

† HYMN OF PRAISE

PRELUDE

O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

Charles Callahan

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift You send, at blessings without number and mercies without end; we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still: to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern

PROCLAIMING

PSALTER (responsively)

Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor Psalm 85 (ad.)

Lord, you were favorable to our land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

and put away your indignation toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what the God the Lord will speak,

for God will speak peace to God's people, to those who are faithful,

to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, that the glory of the Lord may dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before the Lord, clearing a path for God's steps.

OLD TESTAMENT

I Kings 19: 1-6a, 8-16, 18 (New RSV)

Ms. Montgomery

Paul Simon

Now there was a great wind . . . but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The Sound of Silence (verse 1)
Susan Morrow, vocalist

Hello darkness, my old friend
I've come to talk with you again
Because a vision softly creeping
Left its seeds while I was sleeping
And the vision that was planted in my brain

and the vision that was planted in my braing the sound of silence.

† SONG OF TESTIMONY

Eye Of The Storm Charlotte Riewestahl, leader

In the eye of the storm, You remain in control, in the middle of the war, You guard my soul. You alone are the anchor, when my sails are torn Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.

SERMON Listening for God

Mr. Beddingfield

Fowler/Stevenson

RESPONDING

ANTHEM Just As I Am arr. Emily Lund

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, all that I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mr. Beddingfield

and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY Here I Am to Worship

arr. Carol Tornquist

SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 58

Like a River Glorious

WYE VALLEY

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Beddingfield

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† BENEDICTION

Ad. fr. John Claypool

Go now into God's world as those who are called to be God's people, remembering as you go that by God's goodness you were born into this life,

by God's grace you have been kept to this very hour,

and by God's love, fully revealed in Jesus Christ, you are being redeemed,

now and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare Postlude on ST. THOMAS

Douglas E. Wagner

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 45th wedding anniversary of Jac and Kathy Whatley.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

<u>Members</u>: Donna Penny, Pauline Calloway, Jac Whatley, Will and Christine Roberts, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Proctorville Baptist Church; Family of Timothy Pate (cousin of Sonya Godwin); David Lanier (brother of Meredith Craddock); Michael Warren (brother of Donna Haynes); Ernest and Linda Savage (brother and sister-in-law of Earl Savage); Lacy Massey (step-dad of Jeff Pope); Wayne McLamb (brother-in-law of Jeff Pope); Brian Worth (friend of Cindy Avrette); Josephine Simpson (neighbor of Pastor Ed); Glenn Johnson; Parker Wilson (Sylva, NC); Maurice Johnson (brother of Randall Johnson and Shelby Stancil); Noah Rayon (student from CFCA)

<u>Aldersgate senior living center (Charlotte, NC)</u>: Louise Taylor

Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC): Pat Stiller

<u>Deacons for August 2023</u>: Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough <u>Deacons for September 2023</u>: Randall Johnson and Cherry DeVane

<u>Ushers Today</u>: Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard and

Matthew Sadler

Ushers Aug. 20: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Joshua

Taylor

No Kids' Church today

TODAY, August 13th

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.

Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library) **Youth - Sunday School**: 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) Kids' Church: 10:15 a.m. (Library)

MONDAY, August 14th

Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 16th

Missions Committee Meeting: 7:30 p.m. * No Other Wednesday Night Activities

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23 Summer Choir Rehearsal VI: 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

26 Clothes Closet: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

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30 RESUME WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

*No Children's Choir

Simple Supper: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)

Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

* No Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Buies Creek Fire Department Smoke Alarm Campaign

If you would like for your smoke detector to be inspected, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hall.



For August, we are collecting **POP-TOP CANNED FOOD ITEMS**

(such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit, etc.)

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as 'Backpacks.'

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- Clothes Closet: August 26, 2023
- Harnett Food Pantry: collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons

 Needed for August - Green Beans

Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Food Pantry.'

We Invite You to

CLOSET

at Memorial Baptist Church

Located in the parking lot behind the church (220 Judge Taylor Rd. - Buies Creek, NC)

SATURDAY August 26th

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

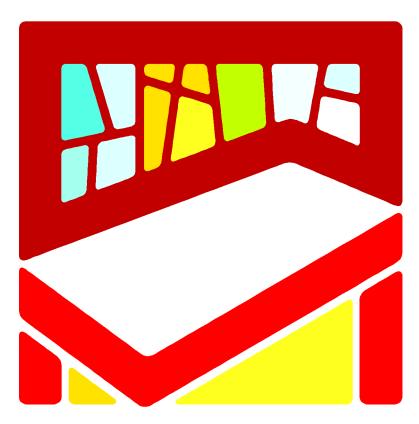
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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Memorial Baptist Church is an inviting, inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith open to all persons who want to walk with us in following the way of Jesus. If you mourn and need comfort; if you're weary and need rest; if you feel friendless and need friendship; if you need a Savior; if you need love; if you need help; whoever you are and whatever your circumstances, we open the door and in the name of Jesus bid you come.

The Rev. Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor
Dr. Phillip and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music
Anne McClain, Organist
Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern
Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Smith, Custodian