

The Worship of God

August 30, 11:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome to Pullen. Feel free to greet those around you before the service. Visitors are invited to complete a Welcome Guest card and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices. Please refrain from flash photography.

Organ Prelude

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Bringing the Light

* Choral Exclamation

Rejoice In this New Day!

Plumptre/Arr. Schultz

Rejoice in this new day! Sing praises bright and clear.
Come, raise your festive song aloud for everyone to hear:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in this new day!

* Hymn 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

In Stanza 3, worshipers may wish to simultaneously sing “Thou our Mother” with “Thou our Father.”

Statement of Worship

THE RITE-13 RITUAL (insert)

Laura Foley

PRAYERS

Thomas Price

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

SHARING THE WORD

Gospel Reading

“You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Mark 7:1-8

Sermon

Tradition in Transition

Nancy E. Petty

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Statement

* worshipers are invited to stand

Choral Offertory

Come to the Water

John B. Foley/Arr. Jack Schrader

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

All singing:

And let all the poor, let them come to the wa-ter.
Bring the ones who are la-den, bring them all to the
Lord: bring the chil-dren, with-out might.
Eas-y the load and light: come to the Lord.

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, the Source of every gift,
with gratitude our voices lift: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Source of life and love
in whom we live and breathe and move.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RESPONDING

* Invitation

Pullen welcomes you to join our faith community by coming forward during the final hymn. If you would like more information about Pullen before joining, please contact the church office to arrange a meeting with our pastor.

* Hymn 605

For Each Day of Life We Thank You

CHARLESTOWN

* **Litany of Farewell**

Leader: Let us now give thanks for Pat Kincheloe and Eleanor Fleming, with whom we have shared a portion of our journey, but who now leave our community. For friendships made, celebrations enjoyed, and moments of nurture,

People: thanks be to God.

Leader: For unheralded acts of kindness and compassion, and for the fulfillment of commitments and the exercise of leadership,

People: thanks be to God.

Leader: And now to pursue new ministries and new opportunities for service to those whose path you cross,

People: go in peace.

Leader: To continue the journey with new friends and new adventures,

People: go in peace.

Leader: With our faith in you, our hope for you, and our love of you,

People: go in peace.

* **Benediction**

* **Hymn of Blessing 441 (two times)** *Peace Be upon You*

PEACE

* **Organ Postlude**

Allegro Maestoso e Vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

Following the worship service simple refreshments are served in the parlor to welcome visitors. Church members are invited to attend, to visit with each other, and to assist in welcoming our guests. The host this morning is Angela Diaz.

Our liturgist this morning and offering prayers is Thomas Price. Thomas is an active member of Pullen young adults and is a graduate student at NC State University. Leading our Rite-13 Ritual is Laura Foley, Pullen Minister with Youth and Young Adults. Offering music for worship are The Chancel Choir; Janice Hocutt, organist; and Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music.

Worship Assistants: Rick Higgins, Kelly Higgins, Laura Ford, Greg Froom, Ben Suttle, Steve Rhudy, Nancy Landis, Vickie Leigh, Gail Carson, Jim Epps, Martha Ellington, Gary Landis, Tyler Beck-Zanaglio and Frank Farmer.

Acolytes: Stella Larson and Paul Rakestraw.

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Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

Raleigh, North Carolina



Tradition is a guide and not a jailer.

-W. Somerset Maugham

August Thirtieth
Two-Thousand and Fifteen

THE RITE-13 RITUAL

Introduction of Youth and Parents

Laura Michelle Foley

To the Community of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, we present the following youth who this day journey into young adulthood:

Arlo Colvard, son of John and Sabrina Colvard
Ariana Keener Ellis, daughter of John and Rochelle Ellis
Jack Foglia, son of Drew and Kathy Foglia
Nicholas Hoskein, son of Ana and Chris Hoskein
Aaron Huntley, son of Emilia and George Huntley
Olivia Kim, daughter of Chris Hand and Jason Kim
Zoe Nichols, daughter of Chris and Beth Nichols
Hannah Porterfield-Winstead, daughter of Ellin Porterfield and Bob Winstead

The Charge to the Rite-13 Youth

Leader: Let us join with these young people in reciting Psalm 139.

Youth Participants: God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. I am an open book to you. Even from a distance, you know what I am thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I am never outside of you. I know your reassuring presence, coming and going.

Congregational Response: Your creation is wonderful, and we know it well!

Youth Participants: For you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you Creator God – you are amazing! Body and soul, I am fearfully and wonderfully made! Your mysteries fill me with wonder!

Congregational Response: Your creation is wonderful, and we know it well!

Youth Participants: You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, all the stages of my life are spread out before you.

Congregational Response: Your creation is wonderful, and we know it well!

Youth Participants: Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; get a clear picture of what I'm about. Help me to face the darkness within me – then guide me on the road to truth and life.

Congregational Response: Your creation is wonderful, and we know it well!

The Prayer for the Parents

Mary Moore

The Charge to the Youth of Pullen

Leader: Fellow Pullen youth, as these members of your community move beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. What covenant will you make with them this day?

Youth: We covenant to journey with them to adulthood. We will stand by them, knowing that there may be times when our support and friendship may mean more than any other.

The Charge to the Congregation

Leader: As people of faith, we know that we are connected in love by the Spirit that permeates all of creation. Will you, as a community of God that spans the generations, share your hopes and experiences with these young people as they become adults?

People: We will.

Leader: Will you guide, guard, sustain, and listen to them as they journey toward living fully into the people God has created them to be?

People: We will. We commit our love, support, and continuing care for these young people. We commit to know them, celebrate them, protect them, and pray for them during this formative time of growth.

The Blessing

As the youth kneel, the parents will offer a blessing to their daughters and sons.

Leader: And now, may the blessing of God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer – rest upon you this day and forevermore.

People: Amen.

* Hymn 75

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

(Kindergarten, First and Second Graders may follow the light to their worship service.)