

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

Raleigh, North Carolina



The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove
than the hunger for bread.

-Mother Teresa

September Sixth
Two-Thousand and Fifteen

The Worship of God
September 6, 11:00 a.m.
Fifteenth 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

O Food of Life Eternal

Wilbur Held

Bringing the Light

* **Call to Worship**

Morgan Siem

Leader: Are you awake? Are you alert?

People: Hope is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

People: Peace is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see our neighbors experiencing poverty, homelessness and hunger? Do you see their needs?

People: Love is coming into our lives in a new way.

Leader: Come, let us worship and let us pray for God's justice.

People: The Spirit has drawn us into this place: let us work together to bring God's love into our world.

* **Hymn 392**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

* **Invocation**

PRAYERS

Jim Jarrard

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Prayer

Hymn 592 (Refrain, two times) *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

PENTECOST

Prayers of the People

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Statement

* **Worshippers are invited to stand.**

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, praised be thy name.

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
 God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, praised be thy name.

God of silence, God of sound, God in whom the lost are found,
 God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
 God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, praised be thy name.

SHARING THE WORD

The Letter of James

James 2:1-17

* Hymn 486

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?

KINDRED

Meditation

*Home**Laura Foley*

SHARING COMMUNION

Worshippers move forward to partake of communion by intinction, the ancient tradition of dipping the bread into the cup. Communion will be brought to those who prefer to remain seated. Reflecting our conviction that God's grace is for all people, everyone, regardless of religious tradition, is invited to receive the bread and the cup. Gluten-free bread is available in the center bowl.

Invitation to the Table

Receiving the Bread and Cup

* Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, you may greet those around you with such words as: "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response: "And also with you."

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 655

Community of Christ

LEONI

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational Response – Hymn 445** *Go In Peace*

OCEAN PARK

* **Organ Postlude** *All Glory Be to God on High*

Andreas Vetter

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 hosts this morning is Sarah Almbad.

Our liturgist this morning is Morgan Siem, Pullen's new Communications Specialist. Leading in prayers is Jim Jarrard. Jim co-chairs Pullen's Coordinating Council. Laura Foley, Minister with Youth & Young Adults, is preaching this morning. Offering music for worship are The Chancel Choir; Janice Hocutt, organist; and Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music.

Worship Assistants: Lisa Wilson, Wayne Harris, Frank Farmer, Dennis Person, Jeanie Tyson, Bobbi Sauls, Cynthia Lewis, Ross Bassett, Sarah Almbad, Mary Lou Eycke, Larry Highfill, Steve Gurganus, Warren Chesson and Kristen Hibbetts.

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