

# Worship Notes

## We extend a warm welcome to our guests this morning!

We are very happy that you are in worship with us. Your presence has made this day more meaningful!

If this is your first time at Millbrook Baptist, or if you are a regular visitor, please sign the welcome card located in the pew card rack and include the requested information so that we may welcome you more personally and provide you with information about our church. You may fold the card and place it in the offering plate when passed, or hand it to an usher.

## A Word about the Season (or Sundays) after Pentecost:

The Season after Pentecost begins with the day after Pentecost and continues until Advent. During the Season after Pentecost, emphasis is generally focused on the quality of our personal and spiritual lives as well as our growth in the Christian life. More specifically, it is a time to meditate upon our empowerment through the Holy Spirit to be instruments of God's grace and peace in our homes, community and world. This is a time to reflect on creation and what it means to be created by God and to be co-creators with God. This is a season for learning about our faith as we discover whether we have "eyes that will see" and "ears that will hear" and try our best to follow Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the ways of justice, peace, and loving service.

## Liturgical Color: Green

Green symbolizes life, growth, hope and the Christian life and is used in the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost, spans of time usually referred to as Ordinary Time. During these seasons, special days call for the use of white or red.

## Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 45-52

## Children's Worship: There will be no Children's Church in the month of July.

Children are invited to participate in the Great Worship Scavenger Hunt. Hunt sheets with instructions are available by the Treasure Chest in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Please return the Wee Worship Bags after today's worship service. Children are encouraged to take his/her drawings and papers home. Nursery care is available for children birth-5 years. Please see an usher for assistance finding the nursery.

## DVDs of the Worship Service:

DVDs are available on loan from the church library. If you'd like a personal copy, at no cost, please email or call the church office. There is also a link to sermons on the website.

## Altar Flowers:

The 2017 Flower Calendar for the Altar flowers is on the small bulletin board in the hallway intersection near the library. Arrangements are \$52.50. Please make your check payable to Millbrook Baptist Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line. Please fill out a dedication form which can be found on the table by the church office or at the welcome desk. You can place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

# Calendar

## Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

Summer Breakfast	9:00 am - 9:30 am
Summer Pickin's for All Ages	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Chancel Choir Gathering	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i>	10:00 am
--	----------

## Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Church-wide picnic at Pullen Park	5:00 pm
-----------------------------------	---------

## Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Wanda Womack (919) 368-5104**

## MBC Staff - Every Member Ministering

<b>Franka Hawkins, Administrative Assistant</b>	<i>office@millbrookbaptistchurch.org</i>
<b>Ron Heckman, Accompanist</b>	<i>accompanist@millbrookbaptistchurch.org</i>
<b>Suzanne Holleman, Preschool Director</b>	<i>preschool.director@millbrookbaptistchurch.org</i>
<b>Andrea Dellinger Jones, Pastor</b>	<i>pastor@millbrookbaptistchurch.org</i>
<b>Katelyn McWhorter, Youth Director</b>	<i>youth@millbrookbaptistchurch.org</i>
<b>Rebecca Hewitt-Newson, Minister for Family Life</b>	<i>children@millbrookbaptistchurch.org</i>
<b>Bruce Orcutt, Director of Music Ministries</b>	<i>music@millbrookbaptistchurch.org</i>

## The Millbrook Mission



Millbrook Baptist Church shares God's love by being an open and inclusive community of faith, developing Christian disciples through spiritual growth, and serving the world through mission and ministry.

Millbrook Baptist Church 1519 E. Millbrook Rd. Raleigh, NC 27609  
919-876-1519 **MillbrookBaptistChurch.org**

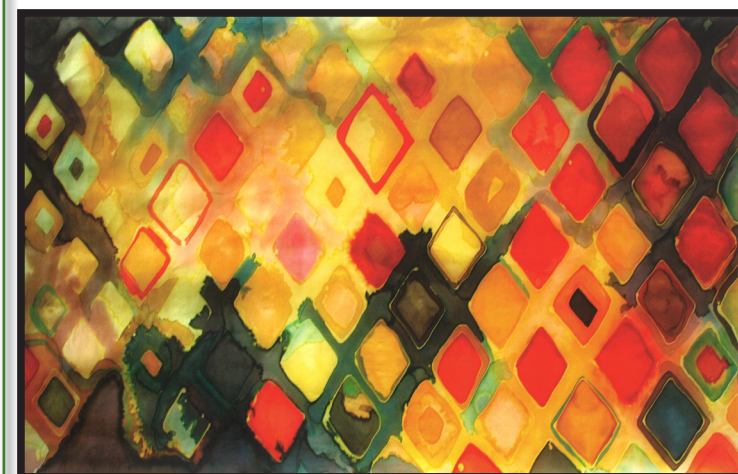


# Millbrook Baptist Church

July 30, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We Worship Our Lord



**Andrea Kraybill**  
*Spice Market*

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 8:38-39*

WELCOME

Please silence all cell phones and pagers during the worship service.  
Please do not bring beverages into the sanctuary.

## GATHERING

Ringling of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Katelyn McWhorter

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord in worship!**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

*How Great Thou Art*

Bock

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation

Steve Carr

†Call to Worship

Let us call on our God and give thanks.

Let hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

**Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life.**

**Let all the people tell of God's wonderful works.**

Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence.

Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

**Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness.**

**The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.**

Who can separate us from the love of God?

Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

**Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

**We can face all things, knowing God's care.<sup>1</sup>**

†Hymn 262

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

†Passing of the Peace

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Morning Prayer and 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.**

Words of Assurance

## PROCLAIMING

†Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (\*NT p.14)

Anne Ross Pender

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Invitation to Gather

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.**

**Every color, every race, all are covered by God's grace.**

**Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

Children's Message

Brianna Johnston

*(Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will go to the  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Education Building for Children's Church.)*

†Hymn 436

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Wanda Womack

Offertory

*We are an offering*

Hayes

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)*

†Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the Trinity of Love.**

**Praise God, within, beside, above.**

**We praise You! We praise You!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

Anthem

*Simple Gifts*

Page/Shafferman

Epistle Lesson Romans 8:26-39 (\*NT p.158)

Wanda Womack

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Title*

Andrea Dellinger Jones

Discipline of Reflection

*(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)*

## GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 504

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

I AM THINE

†Blessing

*"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."*

†Postlude

*He is Exalted*

Hayes

\* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

All music and text are printed with copyright privileges (OneLicense.net A-713292)

<sup>1</sup>Reprinted by permission of United Church Press from *Taught by Love* by Lavon Bayler, 1998.

**If you desire membership in our church,**  
or would like to make a public profession of faith,  
we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.  
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would  
welcome your inquiry.