

Our Service of Worship has ended.
Our Worship through Service begins.

Jacob Sadowski is our guest organist today.



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The prayer of confession and assurance of pardon are adapted from *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship* edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, ©1990 The Pilgrim Press. Music selections today include: “For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free” by Kyle D. Matthews, ©2026 Catalytic Songs; “Farthest Shore” by David Patrick Wilcox, ©1994 Universal Music Publishing Group; “Finally Free” by Kyle Matthews with lyrics by Kyle Matthews and Tony Wood, ©1995 Careers-BMG Music Publishing, Inc. (Gospel Div.)/Final FourMusic, BMI/BMG Songs, Inc. ASCAP; “This Is My Song” music by Jean Sibelius and lyrics by Lloyd Stone (sts. 1-2) and Georgia Harkness, alt. (st. 3), text sts. 1-2 ©1934, 1962 The Lorenz Corp.; st. 3 ©1964 The Lorenz Corp., and arrangement ©1933, 1961 Westminster John Knox Press; Adagio from Sonata 1 by Felix Mendelssohn; “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” by Paul M. Vasile, ©2008 Paul M. Vasile; and Postlude in D Minor by Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck. (CCLI 1466252, OneLicense.net A-717474)

Looking Ahead

Monday, July 6–Friday, July 10

Unidiversity Youth Camp at Maryville College in Maryville, TN
6th-12th grade students enjoy a sleep-away camp with other CBF churches in Maryville, TN.

Thursday, July 9

9:00-11:00am Summer Kids Gym (AYMC)
Kids through five years of age and their caregivers enjoy time in the gym.

Sunday, July 12

9:30am Adult Summer Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) Christianity in America: Untold Histories of Faith and Resistance
The Spiritual Formation Committee offers an adult Sunday School option during the summer.

10:30am Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary)
with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre

Monday, July 13

6:00pm College Bible Study
College students gather for fellowship and study during the summer months.

Tuesday, July 14–Friday, July 17

Camp Prism
Rising 4th, 5th and 6th grade students enjoy a sleep-away camp with other CBF churches in Flat Rock, NC.

Wednesday, July 15

9:00am-3:00pm Youth MidWeek Missions & More
6th-12th grade students will spend the morning working with the Shi Institute at Furman University, then go to Table Rock State Park for a picnic lunch and some hang time.

Thursday, July 16

9:00-11:00am Summer Kids Gym (AYMC)
Kids through five years of age and their caregivers enjoy time in the gym.

Sunday, July 19

9:30am Adult Summer Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) Christianity in America: Untold Histories of Faith and Resistance
The Spiritual Formation Committee offers an adult Sunday School option during the summer.

10:30am Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary)



July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ten Thirty O’Clock

Mary Carol Anderson Youth and College	Jenna Manning Church Operations	Michael McEntyre Engaged Aging
Julie Fayssoux First Baptist Day School	Kyle Matthews Pastoral Care	Laura Ritter Music
Bridget Kokolis Children	Carol McEntyre Senior Minister	Charles Tompkins Organist
Camille Loomis Rehnborg Spiritual Formation and Outreach		Andrew Tonks Associate Youth and College

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6/28/2026 YTD: \$1,278,773
6/30/2025 Actual: \$1,269,886
6/30/2026 Budget: \$1,539,500

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Invited to Belong

Call to Worship *Kyle D. Matthews*
“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free”

Welcome of Worshipers *Mary Carol Anderson*

Invocation

*Opening Hymn 40 *LOBE DEN HERREN*
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Stanzas 1, 2 and 5 Only

Invited to Wonder

Psalm Reading *Psalm 113* *Andrew Tonks*
page 491 of the Bible in the pew rack

Reflection *Christianity and Democracy* *Carol McEntyre*

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom, but we live with tightness in our chest. You have called us to move in a new direction, but we cling to the path we know.

You have called us to reach outward in love, but we draw inward for protection.

You have called us to live with abandon, in trust, but we live carefully, in fear.

God, forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to save us. God accepts both our courage and our fears. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Dare to accept the gift of a new beginning.

Thanks be to God.

*Congregational Refrain *Kyle D. Matthews*
“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free”

Refrain is printed in the inserted booklet.

Sermon in Song *Freedom in Four Verses* *Kyle Matthews*

“Farthest Shore” *David Patrick Wilcox*

*We were there in the woods by the water
We left our packs up against that willow tree
We dove right in, keeping just what we were born with
Our memories, knowledge and dreams
As I swam away from our possessions
I imagined that they were gone forever more
And for once I was glad that all I treasured
Would still be with me as I reached other shore*

*So, let me dive into the water
Leave behind all that I've worked for
Except what I remember and believe
And when I stand on the farthest shore
I will have all I need*

*After the blaze burned our cabin down to ashes
Where we'd slept warm, now the sky lets in the rain
I found the strings, frets and rusted latches
But I will never hear that old guitar again
Now, these four walls are only in my memory
Where these stone steps rise to nothing in the air
So one last look and I'm headed for the river
To wash my hands and try to say this prayer*

*When my time to live this life is over
I'll tip my hat when I think about that swim
And of all the things that make a life worth living
That only come to those who dive right in*

“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free” *Kyle D. Matthews*

“Finally Free” *Kyle D. Matthews
and Tony Wood*

*Running away from the ties that bind
I thought I'd find freedom, escape from real life
But I learned,
The lonely roads that promised liberty
Were their own kind of prison; they all led back to me
But when I've let love tie me down
To my surprise I've found*

*I'm free~I'm finally free
To give something back
To live what I believe
And love, love you honestly
Because I'm finally free of me*

*Making a place where I'd feel secure
I thought I'd be happy, now I'm not so sure
There's a voice that calls me on
For the greater good*

*Saying I'd make a difference, if only I would
And when I risk this life I've made
For someone else's sake*

*I'm free to dream for your success
And work to see you be your best
I'm free to play the lesser role
Give up my need to have control
I'm free to trust you with my heart
To take a chance and drop my guard
To make a promise and be true
To bind myself to you
And when I bind myself to you...*

And when I bind myself to you, I'm free!

“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free” *Kyle D. Matthews*

Invited to Respond

*Invitation Hymn “This Is My Song” *FINLANDIA*
Hymn is printed in the inserted booklet.

Please come forward to greet the pastor during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess your faith, identify with this fellowship, or share a vocational call.

*Invitation to Share *Deacon*
As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. (1 Peter 2:16-17a)

Musical Offering *Adagio (from Sonata 1)* *Felix Mendelssohn*

Introduction of New Members *Carol McEntyre*

Invitation to Engage

Invited to Bless

*Doxology *GLORY TO GOD*
“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Hymn is printed in the inserted booklet.

*Benediction *Carol McEntyre*

Postlude *Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck*
Postlude in D Minor

(K4/K5 children gather at the Come Unto Me Window to depart for Worship Care.)

*Please stand as you are able.

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Please silence all electronic devices.