



Jan Richardson, *Clearly Seen*

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Asheville. Today is the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The season of Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays of the year that fall outside the periods of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The word Ordinary refers to the ordinal numbers of each Sunday as we count the weeks between the Church's seasons. Ordinary time can be understood in terms of living out the Christian faith and the significance of Christ's resurrection in our daily lives. The color green represents the life and growth of the church and its ministry.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered during this hour in the children's building. Large print hymns and T-coil access are available at the back of the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Suite in G Major, BWV 1007: I. Prelude* J.S. Bach

GREETING

INTROIT *O Taste and See* Ralph Vaughan Williams
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the one that trusteth in him.
– Psalm 34:8

*INVOCATION Doug Haney
Lord of all creation,
We worship you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks.
Come, Lord Jesus, and be among us. Hear our prayers. Receive our
praise. Come, dwell in this place, for this hour, among this people.
May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be
acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

*HYMN 296 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA

*SHARING PEACE Paula Garrett

*HYMN 278 *We Are Travelers on a Journey* BEACH SPRING
Stanzas 1 and 3 only

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-7 Casey Callahan

HYMN 400 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Debra Collazo
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Make It Plain” Mack Dennis

ANTHEM *For Everyone Born* Brian Mann
For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy.

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,

the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, *Refrain*.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, *Refrain*.

– Shirley Erena Murray

RESPONDING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Lunch at the Crossroads

Betty Towery

OFFERTORY

Holy Manna

Mark Patterson

*DOXOLOGY 707 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Susan Blackmon

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 457 *Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed* REGENT SQUARE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *May the Lord Bless You and Keep You* J.S. Bach
arr. Doug Haney

POSTLUDE

Jubilate

Fela Sowande

*Those who are able please stand.

Worship leaders include Lay Reader Debra Collazo, Deacon of the Week Susan Blackmon, soprano Jude Gotrich, and cellist Franklin Keel.

About this morning's art: *Clearly Seen*, Jan Richardson. Jan is an artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. She serves as director of The Wellspring Studio, LLC, and has traveled widely as a retreat leader and conference speaker. Her words and art attract an international audience to spaces of welcome, imagination, and solace. *Clearly Seen* © Jan Richardson.
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THIS WEEK

**FBCA Mission Trip
to Puerto Rico**
Sunday-Saturday

Bible Study
Today at 10:00 a.m.

CROPWalk
Today at 2:30 p.m.

Handbells
Today at 3:00 p.m.

Asheville Youth Choirs
Today
4:00 p.m. Youth Chorale
4:30 p.m. Concert Choir

Youth Sunday Supper
Today at 5:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting
Monday at 6:00 p.m.

**Free Market &
Lunch at the
Crossroads**
Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

October 5, 2025

If you are a guest with us today,
greetings! We joyfully proclaim the
sacred worth of all people and
welcome you with glad hearts.
Please complete a guest card from
your pew and place it in the plate
during the Offertory. We would
love to connect with you.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Our second fall mission team
departs today as George Bashor, Jeff
and Kristen Kirby, Cayla Slaughter,
and Sharon Tabor join the ongoing
home rebuilding efforts at FBC Rio
Piedras—offering not just physical
help, but hope and encouragement.
We pray for our team and the
lasting impact in the lives of those
they will serve.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Susan Blackmon

PASTOR ON CALL

Mack Dennis

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Meal: 5:00 p.m.

Junior Choir: 5:40 p.m.

Adult Chapel Study: 6:00 p.m.

AgapeKids: 6:00 p.m.

Youth Koinonia: 6:00 p.m.

Cherub Choir: 6:10 p.m.

Adult Choir: 7:00 p.m.

Menu

Lasagna, Zucchini Pie,
Italian Green Beans,
Garlic Bread, Salad Bar,
Cake

Kids – Pizza

*(\$5/adult, \$3/child,
\$20/family max)*



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FBCA Blue Ridge Pride Booth

Asheville Buncombe CROP Walk

Today * 2:30 p.m. * St. Mark's Church

Join fellow FBCA members and the Asheville community as we walk to end hunger in the annual CROP Walk at 2:30 p.m., beginning at St. Mark's in downtown Asheville. To get involved, stop by the Atrium today to sign up and get registered. Walkers please arrive a bit early so we may begin the walk together as a team.

Youth Sunday Supper

Today * 5:00 p.m. * Meet in Atrium

Youth join us for Sunday Supper! We'll be going to the Glazener's house for pickleball, pizza, fun, and fellowship. Meet at the church atrium at 5:00 p.m. and pick-up at the church atrium at 7:00 p.m. No cost. Bring a friend!

Wednesday Night in the Chapel: Via Karis

Wednesday, October 8 * 6:00 p.m. * Chapel

Via Karis ("Way of Grace") is a church guide that unites core Christian teachings with five spiritual practices, offering practical ways for our congregation to grow in friendship with God and one another through worship, learning, service, and community. Join us Wednesday night as Mack Dennis leads a study on Word. Together we'll explore how God speaks through Scripture, preaching, and testimony, and how we are called to be not only hearers but doers of the Word.