



West Main Baptist Church April 28, 2024

VOLUNTARY Mark Gourley
For the Beauty of the Earth
 Gordon Young, arr.

WELCOME Drew Herring

OPENING VOLUNTARY Mark Gourley
Andante, Op 65
 Marcel Dupré

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46:1-3;7 CEB) Sean Timmons
 God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble.
That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart, when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea, when its waters roar and rage, when the mountains shake because of its surging waves.
 The Lord of heavenly forces is with us! The God of Jacob is our place of safety.

*HYMN 341 The Church
For the Beauty of the Earth

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Sean Timmons
We believe that God is love, and that with God's help we can be love.

*RESPONSE 321 (sing twice) The Church
Gloria, Gloria
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
(As we sing, the children are invited to come forward for the children's lesson)

CHILDREN'S LESSON Jennifer Clatterbuck
(After the children's lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow the leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.)

*HYMN 41 The Church
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PRAYERS Sean Timmons

SERMON Drew Herring
 "God's Choice, Our Choice"
 1 John 4: 16b-21

*HYMN 281 The Church
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Megan Bond

OFFERTORY Jon Lawton, *tenor*
I Will Give Thanks to God Eternally
(From Five Sacred Concerti) Heinrich Schütz

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN) The Church
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 O Praise Him! Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
 O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*BENEDICTION Jennifer Clatterbuck

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Mark Gourley
Trumpet Rondeau from Sinfonies De Fanfares
 Jean Joseph Mouret

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents,
 Madelyn and Lenon Oakes and Violet and George Stokes
 by Ken and Susan Stokes.*

Thank you to Jon Lawton, and Alex Bond for assisting in worship today.

*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

Transitions Baby Bottle Boomerang

Transition Pregnancy Solutions invites people to fill a baby bottle with change to raise money for the center. If you would like to participate, you can pick up a bottle at church - they are due back by June 5th.

West Main Mission Offering Update

Goal: \$20,000.00
 Given so far: \$4,859.08 (24%).
 We will collect until Pentecost Sunday, May 19th

ECHO May Event

Thur., May 16: Duke Homestead, Durham, NC*

- *Leave West Main at 9:15 A.M.*
- *Lunch @ noon at Bennett Pointe Seafood*

*This date is tentative due to a parking lot issue. See ECHO board for more info. or to sign up!

Who Are Our Graduates?

We'll recognize our West Main high school graduates during worship on Sunday, May 19. We'll also celebrate all other graduates (college, graduate school, technical school, even grandchildren!) in our newsletter. **If you would like your graduate to be recognized, you must call the church by May 17.**