WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 19, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & DEDICATION OF THE EDINBURGH BUILDING

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm One)

* OPENING SONG

Surely God Is in this Place/Hallelujah

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PASSING OF THE PEACE

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Kuna Kucheza

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON

"Understanding Mission: A 75th Anniversary Reflection"

SONG OF RESPONSE

Cornerstone

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

* Please rise in body or spirit

DEDICATION OF EDINBURGH BUILDING

(Worshipers arrive from Sanctuary)

* HYMN 404

What Is This Place

OPENING

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor

IMAGINE VIDEO

75TH ANNIVERSARY TEAM

Anne Simons, Moderator

* LITANY OF AFFIRMATION AND DEDICATION

One: Today we affirm:

All: We believe that God is the maker of heaven and earth.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the savior of the world.

We believe that the Holy Spirit grants the gifts of faith and preserves the work and witness of the church in the world.

One: Today we give thanks:

All: To God for 75 years of ministry here in Raleigh. We give thanks for our founders and the members who have upheld our church across the decades. We thank God for pastors, music staff, educators, and program and support staff who have served your people at White Memorial. We thank God for the legacy upon which we stand and for the foundation upon which we have been built.

One: Today we dedicate:

All: Our faith and works to God over the years to come. We remember our commitment to worship, embrace, and serve. We dedicate ourselves to service for others in the name of Jesus Christ. We dedicate ourselves to care for one another. We dedicate our spaces — those renovated and those newly made — to the Glory of God.

One: With believers in every time and place:

All: Let us thank our living God for the mercy of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. In thanksgiving, let us celebrate what has been, even as we pray that our Lord would call us to new ministries of sharing, caring, and learning each and every day. Amen.

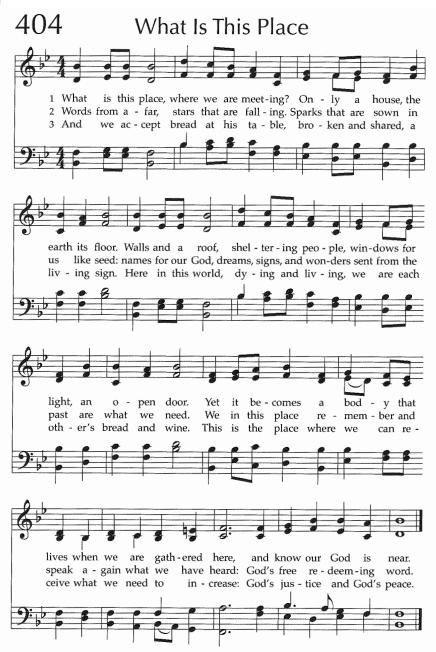
CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING OF THE MEAL

* CLOSING HYMN 741

Guide My Feet

The flowers in the Chancel of Main Hall

today are given to the Glory of God in gratitude for and in celebration of the dedication of the new Edinburgh Building,



This text by a 20th-century Jesuit beautifully captures the fundamental truth that "church" is not primarily the building but the people who come together in order to be nourished by Word and Table so that they may show forth Christ's redeeming presence in the world.



- 2 Hold my hand ...
- 5 Search my heart ...
- 3 Stand by me ...
- 6 Guide my feet ...
- 4 I'm your child ...

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.