

# Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, May 10, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

*In My Father's House There Are Many Rooms* | Janet Pfeiffer

This Worship Guide is for you: for the worship of God today, for words and practices and images to sustain you through the week, for engagement with your families and communities, for hope in even the deepest places of despair.



On this fifth Sunday of Eastertide, we behold Jesus as Way, Truth, and Life, one through whom we come to God and with whom we journey through all the dwelling places of life. We listen to the story of Stephen, an early church leader and bold follower of Jesus, whose proclamation threatened those who heard him. And we come again to the resurrected Christ who gives us life everlasting and hope for all the age.

Blessings on your worship, beloved community!



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*Journey With Jesus* | He Qi

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## Prelude

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## Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with  
First on Fifth on this fourth  
Sunday of Eastertide!

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## Call to Worship

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:9-10

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts  
of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.  
Once you were not a people,

People: But now you are God's people;

Leader: Once you had not received mercy,

People: But now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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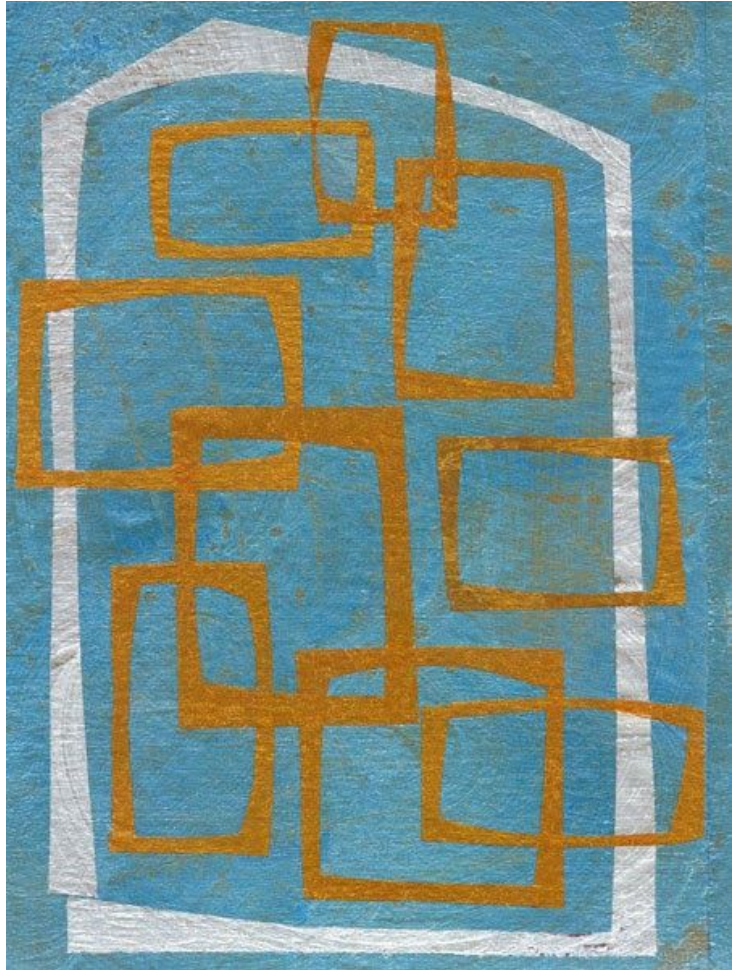


## Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory,  
on Thy people pour Thy power;  
crown Thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us,  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armored with all Christlike graces  
in the fight to set all free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not man nor Thee!  
That we fail not man nor Thee!



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*Many Rooms* | Jan Richardson

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## Passing the Peace

Turn to those around you -- other people in your house, your pets, your neighbors outside, your friends online -- and share these words:

*May the peace of Christ be with you!  
And also with you!*

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*Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life* | Ain Vares

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## Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

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## Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Merciful God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life.

Forgive us when we have doubted your promise and chosen another way.

Forgive us when we have allowed the troubles of this world to trouble our hearts.

Call us again out of darkness into your marvelous light that we might proclaim your mighty acts of mercy and grace. Amen.

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## Worship in Song

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

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## Signs of New Life

*Throughout Eastertide, we celebrate stories of our members who are finding signs of new life springing forth all around us -- a powerful reminder of resurrection hope!*

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## Prayers for the People & 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.

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New Testament  
Reading  
Acts 7:54-60

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*The Martyrdom  
of Saint Stephen*  
José Clemente Orozco



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Homily  
*Testimony: Joining Together*

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### Hymn: *Be Still My Soul*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on.  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God all creatures here below!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen.

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### Benediction



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