

Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, June 21, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC

Third Sunday after Pentecost



Exile | Richard McBee | 2012

“And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, ‘What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.’”

- Genesis 21:17-18

Prelude: *Promised Land*

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Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth!

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Prayer for the Day

O God, the author and foundation of hope,
enable us to rely with confident expectation on your promises,
knowing that the trials and hindrances of the present time
are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed.
This day we join with the angels of heaven and all creation
to proclaim the truth of your steadfast love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Hymn: *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him*

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore Him; praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him; praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken; worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
law which never shall be broken for their guidance hath He made.

Praise the Lord! For He is glorious; never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
heaven and earth and all creation laud and magnify His name.

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Passing the Peace

Turn to those around you -- your family, your pets, your neighbors, your friends --
and share these words:

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

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Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 21:8-21

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Prayer of Confession

God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac,
God of Hagar and Ishmael,
help us to confess and truly repent of our sins.
We turn against one another;
we fail to care for the weak and poor among us.
We seek our own advantage,
and pay little attention to the cries of the powerless.
Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross
and revealed your eternal, self-giving love.
Forgive us, merciful God.
Wake us up to the suffering that surrounds us;
Give us ears to hear the cries of the distressed.
Give us generous hearts opened wide
that we may begin the healing of our broken way of life.
It is in the healing name of Jesus Christ that we pray. Amen.

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Words of Assurance

Our God, who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us.
Our Savior hears and answers when we cry out
from the wilderness of our sin.
Even when we are at our weakest, death cannot hold us,
for the risen Christ sets us free.
Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

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Psalm Lesson

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

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Anthem: He Watching Over Israel

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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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Homily

The Story of Us: Promise

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Hymn: *Hymn of Promise*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below!
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Benediction

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