

Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, June 14, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC

Second Sunday after Pentecost



Abraham | Leo Roth

“Once again, [the story of Abraham and Sarah’s conception] shows what a scandal and difficulty faith is. Faith is not a reasonable act which fits into the normal scheme of life and perception. The promise of the gospel is not a conventional piece of wisdom that is easily accommodated to everything else. Embrace of this radical gospel requires shattering and discontinuity.”

— Walter Brueggemann, *Interpretation: Genesis*

Prelude

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Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth!

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Prayer

God of Wonder,
you appeared to Abraham as three persons;
you reveal your fullness in your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit fills your people with hope
through the peacemaking cross of Jesus.
Gather us as Christ's faithful disciples
and empower us with his good news,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Hymn: *O Praise the Gracious Power*

O praise the gracious power that tumbles walls of fear
and gathers in one house of faith all strangers far and near:
We praise you Christ! Your cross has made us one!

O praise persistent truth that opens fisted minds
and eases from their anxious clutch the prejudice that binds:
We praise you Christ! Your cross has made us one!

O praise the tide of grace that laps at every shore
with visions of a world at peace, no longer bled by war:
We praise you Christ! Your cross has made us one!

O praise the power, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, O praise their source, praise Christ the crucified:
We praise you Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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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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Scripture Reading
Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

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Call to Confession: *Softly and Tenderly*

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Prayer of Confession

Triune God,
Holy Three, Holy One,
we confess that we do not know how to look for you.
We do not sense your nearness,
and if there are angels among us, we are unaware.
We do not show the hospitality to strangers
that Abraham showed to you
We do not trust that our hardships
can be transformed by your Spirit.
O Covenant-keeper, forgive us.
Let us laugh with joy
because your grace has made peace among us.
Send us out with this good news
so that others will also receive your blessing;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Romans 5:1-8

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Response

Bless the Lord

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Psalm Lesson

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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Call to Prayer
O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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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: Curiosity

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Hymn: *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mind, that I may read more of Thy love in word and deed.
What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead? Only for light from Thee I plead.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my mind, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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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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