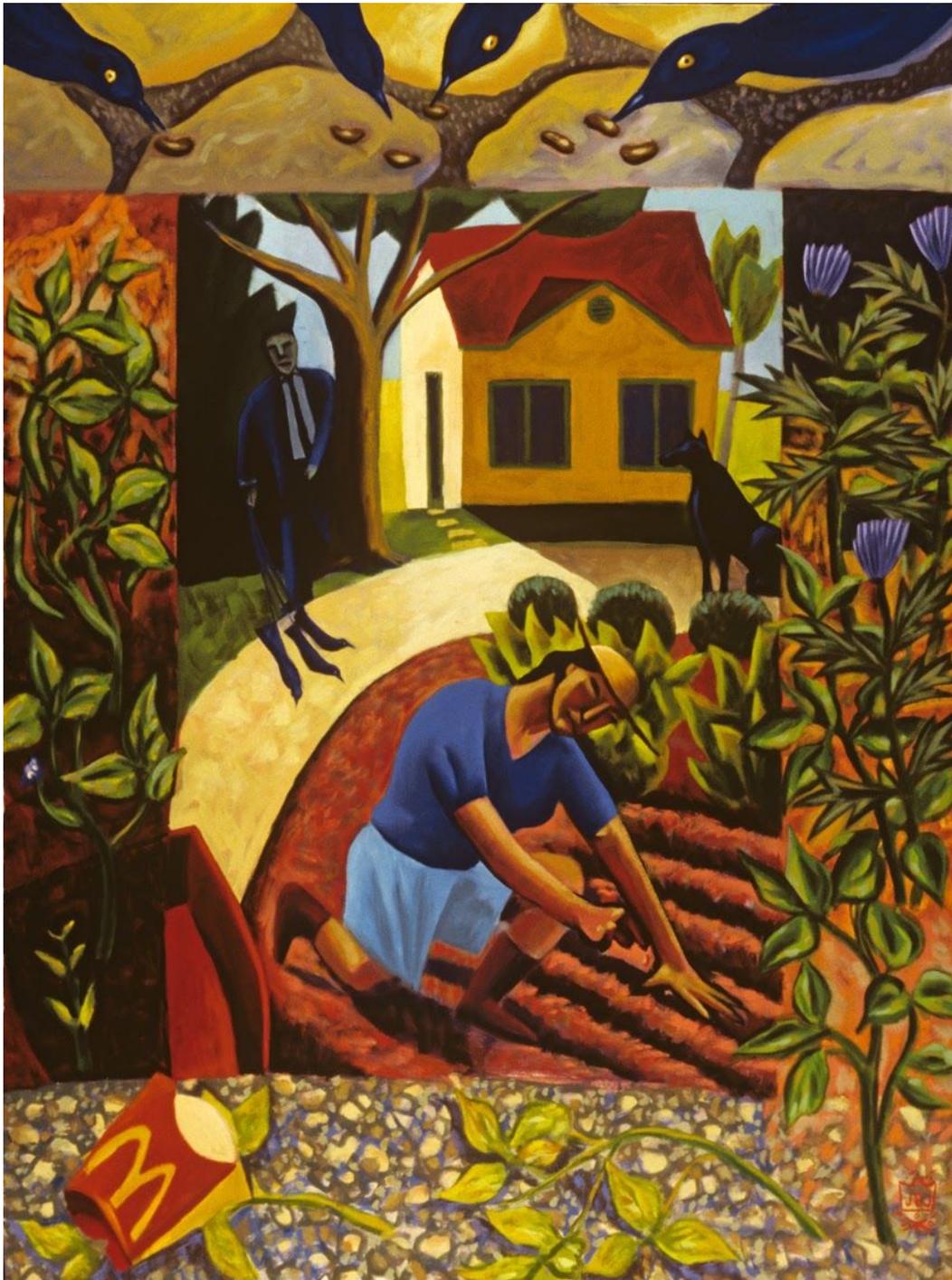


Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, July 12, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



The Four Soils | James Janknegt

"... let anyone with ears, listen!"

- Matthew 13:9

Prelude: *Andante cantabile* by T. Dubois
Emily Grissing, Cello and Jacob Hill, Piano

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Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth!

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Hymn: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing;
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:
to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who know His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
to God all praise and glory.

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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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Prayer for Illumination

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;

shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for your glory.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground
when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth
crowd out your place in our lives.

Forgive our frail and human ways
and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness,
for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

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Words of Assurance

Romans :1-11

Friends, let us hear and believe this good news:
There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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Anthem: May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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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 *Sowing Stories*

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Hymn: *We Are Called to Be God's People*

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;
let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in the world today;
taking His own task upon us, all His sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to His summons, dedicate to Him our all,
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
that we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

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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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