

Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, July 19, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Wheat and Weeds | James Janknegt

"What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Prelude: *Be Still My Soul/Have Thine Own Way*

Jill Knight

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Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth!

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Hymn: *Gather Us In*

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in -- the lost and forsaken,
gather us in -- the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young -- our lives are a mystery,
we are the old -- who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in -- the rich and the haughty,
gather us in -- the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light-years away,
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in -- all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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 Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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Response: *The Kingdom of God*

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.

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Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

how often we hinder the presence of your kingdom among us.

For our lack of compassion toward the poor,
have mercy on us;

for our misuse and destruction of the resources of the earth,
have mercy on us;

for our disbelief in your power to make us whole,
have mercy on us;

for making war,
have mercy on us;

for mistrusting and misinterpreting your Word,
have mercy on us;

for all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts,
have mercy on us.

Forgive us and renew us

so that we may welcome your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

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Words of Assurance

The One who was and is and is to come
knows you through and through,
and has overcome death and sin to forgive you,
so that you may be free to welcome God's kingdom into this world.
Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

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Call to Prayer: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Brent Greene

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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

Growing Stories

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Hymn: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;
come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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Bearing Witness to God's Generosity
Leslie and Matt Lowdermilk

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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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