

Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, July 5, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



A depiction of the power struggle between Jacob and Esau | Yoram Ranaan

“Jacob was an imposter as he received the blessing, not himself.

He was in disguise, clad in Esau’s clothes and with his arms covered with animal pelts.

It is an odd image. Jacob was trying to be both brothers at once; in psychological terms, it is almost as though he was trying to heal the conflict in his personality that would so often impede him in later life. But he received this crucial blessing with a divided, double heart.

Jacob would never be able to forget the wrong he had done his brother. Until he was reconciled with Esau, his twin, and with the Esau within himself, he would find no peace.”

~ Karen Armstrong, *In the Beginning: A New Interpretation of Genesis*

Prelude: *Presto from Sonata No. 1 for Violin* by J.S. Bach
Monika Wilmot, Violin

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Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth!

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Hymn: *We, O God Unite Our Voices*

We, O God, unite our voices, raised in thankful harmony.
You, unchanging, safe have brought us through the ever-changing sea.
Days of calm and days of conflict, nights of darkness prove your grace.
Hands beneath us, arms around us, and, above, Your shining face.

Not our choice the wind's direction, unforeseen the calm or gale.
Your great ocean swells before us, and our ship seems small and frail.
Fierce and gleaming is your mystery, drawing us to shores unknown;
lead us on with hope and courage till Your harbor is our home.

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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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Solo: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Teresa Moore-Mitchell

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Scripture Lesson

Galatians 5:1, 13-23

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Prayer of Confession

Sisters and brothers,
trusting the God who truly desires to set us free,

let us confess those times
when we have traded our freedom for slavery:

Merciful God, help us to confess our sins.
By our thoughts, words, and actions,
we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by sin.
Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead to death.
We have used our freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,
and have placed our own desires above the common good.
Through love may we become slaves to one another
that we may truly love our neighbors as ourselves.
Through Jesus Christ, the One who frees us, we pray. Amen.

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Words of Assurance

Friends, our Lord Jesus Christ has set us free from slavery to sin
and has opened to us the freedom of life in the Spirit.
Hear the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

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Solo: He's Got the Whole World in His Hand
Teresa Moore-Mitchell

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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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Scripture Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

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Homily & Communion

The Story of Us: Discord

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Hymn: *This Is My Song*

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:
let Thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations;
myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

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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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