

# Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, September 13, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Parting of the Red Sea, by Motty Mendelowitz*

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

- From *How Firm a Foundation*

Prelude: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
Jill Knight

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Invitation to Worship  
Welcome to worship with First on Fifth!

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Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation*

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 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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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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New Testament Lesson  
Romans 14:1-12

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### Prayer of Confession

Loving God,  
we confess that we have failed to live in harmony  
with our sisters and brothers.  
We have been self-righteous in our attitudes,  
closed-minded in our beliefs,  
and judgmental in our opinions.  
We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand,  
and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions.  
Forgive our sins of discord and conceit,  
and heal our divisiveness and quarreling.  
Help us to be charitable in our regard for others  
that we may dwell in peace with Christ,  
who is Lord of all. Amen.

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### Words of Assurance

People of God, our sins are forgiven.  
God is merciful and gracious  
and is Lord of us all.  
Reconciled to the God who loves us,  
let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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### Response: *My Soul Is at Rest*

Singers: Jerry Bennett, Jacob Hill, Mark and Pat Thompson  
Cello: Emily Grissing

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### Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

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### Solo: *I Love the Lord*

Soloist: Teresa Moore-Mitchell

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## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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### Homily

*Once Defined, Always Defining: Liberation*

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### Hymn: *Love Lifted Me*

I was sinking deep in sin far from the peaceful shore,  
very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
but the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
from the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

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### Introduction of New Members

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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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