

The Place Where We Are Right

by Yehuda Amichai

From the place where we are right
Flowers will never grow
In the spring.
The place where we are right Is hard and trampled
Like a yard.
But doubts and loves
Dig up the world
Like a mole, a plow.
And a whisper will be heard in the place
Where the ruined
House once stood.

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 12, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: XI. *O Welt ich muß dich lassen, op. 122*

Jacob Hill, Organ

J. Brahms

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 46:10-11

Kate Parker

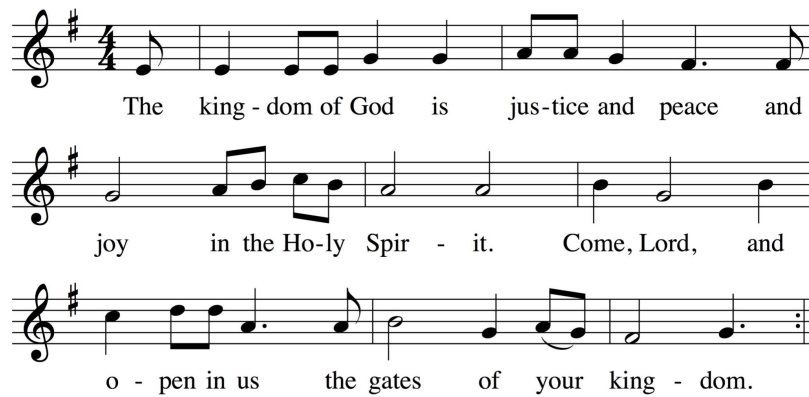
Leader: Be still and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in all the earth.

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

(A silence is kept.)

*HYMN 299: *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

OLD 134TH



The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 7:1-12

Steve Smith

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.CALL TO CONFESSION: *Come, Ye Sinners*

J. Wood

Sanctuary Choir

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. He is able, He is willing, doubt no more. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him; this He gives you, tis the Spirit's glimmering beam. Saints and angels, joined in concert, sing the praises of the Lamb; while the blissful seats of heaven sweetly echo with His name: Hallelujah! Sinners here may do the same.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nikki Byers

Leader: Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
For those times when we have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves, we pray:

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For those times when we have judged others harshly,
and held others to a different standard than ourselves, we pray:

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For those times when we have prayed with a lack of faith,
when we have doubted your generous provision, we pray:

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For those times when we have used a small measure to extend grace to others,
all the while expecting a larger measure for ourselves, we pray:

**All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, hear this good news:
In Jesus Christ, all is forgiven.
In Jesus Christ, all things are made new.
Let us rejoice and be glad!

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us share the sign of unity and peace with these words:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

INTERLUDE: *Peal of Praise*

M. Helman

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Richard Groves

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.

SERMON: *Lessons Along the Way: Knowing Our Place*

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 436: *Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

*God calls all to respond! Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow
Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front
and share your commitment with one of our ministers.*

***PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS WE GIVE**

Minerva Fox

*The giving of our material possessions, as well as our very lives, is an important part
of active, vibrant worship. At the conclusion of the worship service you will find
offering plates at the exit doors for those who would like to make a financial
contribution to support the ministries of First Baptist Church. If you would like to
give online, you will find additional information in this worship guide and at our
website, firstonfifth.org.*

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Emily Hull McGee

CELEBRATION OF NIKKI BYERS

Roper Halverson and Emily Hull McGee

***DOXOLOGY**

WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will
sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the
theme, I will sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!

***BENEDICTION**

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 610

J. S. Bach

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week: Minerva Fox and Steve Smith
Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson
Streaming and Sound Team: Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette

IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today for the first time, we welcome you! Please fill out a Connection Card located in the back of the pews, and give it to a minister or drop into the offering plate after worship. This allows us to extend our hospitality and connect you deeply with our church. If you're visiting with young children, we welcome them in whatever way is best for your family! Creative resources for our little ones guide their experience of worship in the Sanctuary, and worship care for infants – kindergarten is available in the nursery on the first floor. Masking is optional in the Sanctuary. The balcony continues to be reserved for those preferring an even greater distance. Extra masks and hand sanitizer are available at all three entrances to the sanctuary. We're glad you're here!

HOW WE SUSTAIN MINISTRY THROUGH FBC

Thank you for giving faithfully to God through the ministries of our church! Should you desire to give today to God's work of Love through First on Fifth, you can do so by placing your gift in the offering plates upon your exit from the room, or by scanning the QR code to give online. Because you will need to enter your personal financial information when registering online, we encourage you to set up your account on a secure network at home before using the app for the first time.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LESSONS ALONG THE WAY

Worship in February & March

Jesus' most well-known and beloved moral teachings can be found in the Sermon on the Mount, a collection of Jesus' essential lessons that the gospel writer, Matthew, places right at the heart of his good news. The Sermon on the Mount covers all manner of topics: blessings for the overlooked, words about our anxiety and worry, guidance on how to interact with money and why relationships matter, instructions on prayer and work, law and order, all couched within Jesus' vision of God's dream for the world that is coming into being. Our collective worship will focus us together on the lessons we need along the way.

Congregational Conversations Build on State of the Church Presentation: March 19, April 16, May 21

Following the robust engagement with last month's State of the Church presentation, all are invited to gather for three upcoming Congregational Conversations on the third Sunday of the month for lunch and conversation. These upcoming Congregational Conversations will lead us to consider **how** we are the church (today and tomorrow) in a thriving and sustainable way. Our topics for conversation will follow the schedule below:

- March 19 – Building: Resources of Space
- April 16 – Governing & Staffing: Resources of People
- May 21 – Funding: Resources of Money

Lunch in Kelly Auditorium provided with a suggested donation of \$10/meal; RSVP for the March 19 Conversation in the newsletter. Childcare for birth-preK provided. Come ready to think creatively and courageously about our hopeful future ahead!

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for March is canned fruit. Please drop off donations in the lower level bins. Thank you in advance for supporting this important ministry to our community!

New Young Adult Class! (20s and 30s + college)

Join Amelia Britt, Georgia McKee, and Sophia Gottlick at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings in the room next to the nursery through April 30th. We'll gather for conversations on rhythms of rest and faithful construction.

March 18 | Youth Contemplative Photography Walk

Contemplative Photography. We'll meet at Dough-Joes at 10:30AM-12:00PM for snacks, coffee, or hot chocolate and walk the grounds of Reynolda Garden. Zack Jackson will lead us in a contemplative photography practice, so bring a phone or camera. We can't wait to see you there!

Two **Pilgrimages** related to the themes examined in our Lenten study of Cheri L. Mills', *Lent of Liberation*, are coming up in April and May.

April 1 | International Civil Rights Center Pilgrimage

We will travel to Greensboro to tour the International Civil Rights Museum from 12 p.m. - 1:30 PM. Meet inside the main entrance at 11:45 AM. The cost is \$10 per person. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church on Fifth. Space is limited, reservations due by March 15. Sign up through the newsletter link. Please remember that the 90-minute tour does not include any opportunity to be seated. If you want to ride along to Greensboro with someone please let Linda Jones or Mary Foskett know by March 15.

May 6 | Reynolda House Museum of American Art

We will travel to see the exhibition, "Stephen Towns: Declaration & Resistance," which "examines the American dream through the lives of Black Americans from 10-11:30 AM. We will meet inside the main entrance at 9:45 AM. The cost is \$10 per person. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church on Fifth. Space is limited, and reservations are due by April 15, sign up through our newsletter.

Holy Week at First on Fifth

April 2 | Palm Sunday

11:00 AM worship of palms and hosannas

April 6 | Maundy Thursday

12:00 - 1:00 PM stations of the cross and communion

April 7 | Good Friday

6:00 - 7:00 PM stations of the cross

7:00 PM service of shadows

April 9 | Easter Sunday

9:30 AM fellowship on the front lawn

11:00 AM easter worship

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, March 12

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, and Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 12:00 pm Celebrating Nikki Byers (*Commons*)
- 12:00 pm First Impressions (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, March 13

- 12:00 pm Good Neighbor Team
- 5:30 pm House and Grounds (*Baraca*)
- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee

TUESDAY, March 14

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer Anniversary Call (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, March 15

- All Day Staff Workday (offsite)
- 11:00 am A Survey of the Bible (*Kelly*)
- 5:30 pm Adult Handbells (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, March 16

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 2:00 pm Older Adult Team Meeting (*online*)

FRIDAY, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

SATURDAY, March 18

SUNDAY, March 19

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, and Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (1-5 grade) (Starbucks)

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Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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