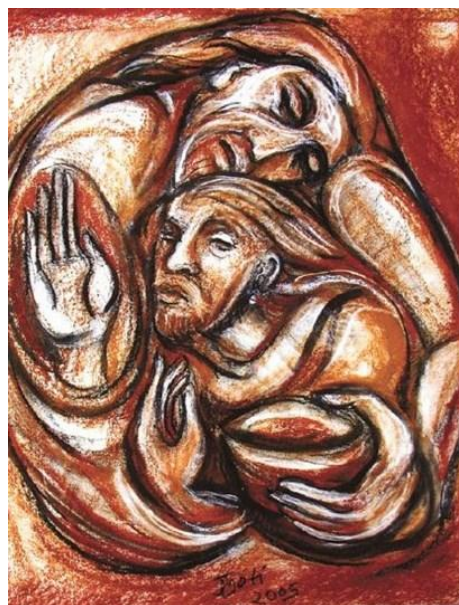


“It is John’s idea of heaven to move in with the God who has moved in with us – only the address changes between the first time he writes it down and the second. It was out there somewhere the first time, a place in the future where Jesus was going that no one could follow him to, a place we would have to wait for him to come back from and show us.

By the second time John writes it down, Jesus is no longer going but coming. The place is not out there somewhere but right here, a place in the present where God dwells with those who love Jesus and keep his word. ‘Abiding,’ he calls it. ‘Staying put.’”

+Barbara Brown Taylor



Abide in Me, Jyoti Sahi

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, May 14, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Allegro*

C. Dobrinski

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Spirit of the Living God

D. Iverson

Sanctuary Choir

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me; Break me, melt me,
mold me, fill me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

INVOCATION

Amy McClure

(Please read in unison.)

**Revealing God, we would see Jesus.
Through the power of your Spirit,
may our eyes be opened in this hour of worship
to see the risen Christ present among us.
As we attend to your word in holy scripture
and listen for the voice of Christ speaking to us,
through prayer and praise, through sound and silence,
let us know that Christ is in our midst and communes with us.
Amen.**

*HYMN 306: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *If Ye Love Me*

T. Tallis

Sanctuary Choir

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maggie Clark

Leader: Friends, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

**All: Loving God,
we do not always keep your commandments;
we resist the generous spiritual gifts of love, joy, and peace;
and our conscience is seldom clear.
We desperately need the Comforter
to abide with us,
to heal us from every sin,
to guide us in the truth.
Wash us this day in the waters of resurrection
that we may begin again and again
through your infinite mercy and grace.
We pray through Jesus, our resurrection and life. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: Let us proclaim this good news:
God forgives, restores, and strengthens us
through the risen Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As those who have found peace through God's steadfast love and mercy, let us share the sign of peace as generously as we have received the same: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those near you.)

ANTHEM: *Come Flood This Heart of Mine*

D. Lantz

Sanctuary Choir

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine. Come, Spirit, make Your home, my heart is Yours alone. Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine. Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine. My every sin forgive as one with You I live. Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine. Come fill my

heart, I am longing for Your power. Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour. Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this place. Let my heart overflow with the fullness of Your grace. Make of this heart of mine a vessel wholly Thine. Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord, I pray. Come flood this heart of mine with Your true light divine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holly Kessler

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: *The Resurrection Way That Abides*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 543: *Abide with Me*

EVENTIDE

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

Joani Hughes

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

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: Violin Sonata No. 50, *Gigue*

A. Vivaldi

Monika Wilmot, Violin
Jacob Hill, Piano

*Those who are able will please stand.

The Resurrection Way

Eastertide at First on Fifth

As our year “On the Way” draws to a close, we’ll spend our Eastertide together talking about what it means to live “the resurrection way” of Jesus. Join us!

May 21 | Acts 1:1-11

The Resurrection Way of Witness

May 28 | Pentecost Sunday | Acts 2:1-21

The Resurrection Way of Us

June 4 | Matthew 28:16-20

The Resurrection Way Ahead

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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:

Karly and Kate Parker

Deacon of the Week:

Joani Hughes and Minerva Fox

Children & Families Greeter:

Kim Wilkinson

Streaming and Sound Team:

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,
Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Ash Henley

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

May 16 | Older Adult Hymn Sing 11:30AM

The older adults will gather again in Leinbach Park for a hymn sing. You can sign up by newsletter or by contacting Amy McClure (amy@firstonfifth.org).

May 21 | Congregational Conversation

The final in our trilogy of lunch conversations is Sunday, May 21 on Funding: Resources of Money. Please RSVP in the newsletter for lunch and the conversation. Thank you for participating in these important discussions in the life of our church!

May 31 | Special Wednesday Night Service 6PM

Forever Beloved: A time of worship for all the complicated feelings Mother's and Father's Day evoke. For so many, Mother's Day and Father's Day are moments in the year that make the day-to-day realities of life all the more pronounced. Couples living with infertility or learning how to live after the loss of a child or parent or within their ongoing illness or disability find these days full of fresh grief and reminders of their loss. People who have complicated relationships or have experienced trauma with either mother, father, or child feel the sting of unmet expectations. Mothers or fathers raising children alone, or in poverty, or in situations of violence or isolation struggle daily with the demands of this role. These situations and so many more are the ones that we'll center in our "Forever Beloved" service. Over tables in Kelly Auditorium, we'll share stories and communion, prayers and silence, blessing and healing, all wrapped in the hope we know from God whose love for us never, ever ends and in whom we are forever beloved. If you are needing space to wrap your complicated situations with mother, father, or children, join us for Forever Beloved. All are welcome!

June 3 | Children and Families to the NC Zoo

The Children's Ministry Team is planning fun summer adventures for you and your kiddos! RSVP in the Newsletter by May 26, first up, the zoo!

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for May is applesauce (no glass jars please). Drop off donations in the lower level bins. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry to our Winston-Salem community.

Sign up | Newsletter

Sign up for our weekly newsletter and find more events, news, and ways to serve. To subscribe, send an email to Abigail Cook (abigail@firstonfifth.org).

Seeking Information | Celebrating Our Graduates

If you or a family member is graduating from high school, technical school, college, graduate, or professional school this year, we want to celebrate you! Please email Abigail (abigail@firstonfifth.org) by Tuesday, May 30 for inclusion in the June 4 worship guide: name, school of graduation, degree completed, and relationship to you (i.e. child, grandchild, etc.). Thank you for helping us to celebrate our graduates!

Interest Form | Nominating Committee

Serving God at First on Fifth with your skills, talents, and gifts can be a joy! The Nominating Committee is prayerfully working on our committees and ministries for 2024. Please fill out this form and help us get to know you. Filling out the form does not commit you to serve, however, we value every member of our beloved community and want the most complex and diverse committees so we can better serve and represent our church. Thank you in advance for helping us with this process.

First on Fifth Seeks Ministry Assistant

The Personnel Committee of First Baptist on Fifth is delighted to begin a search for a Ministry Assistant to attend to the comprehensive administrative functions of the ministries of First on Fifth. This part-time, 20 hour/week job will attend to the variety of needs in the church's ministries. The position is ideal for an organized, flexible, and trustworthy candidate interested in working in a role and context with variety in daily tasks and meaningful relationships with fellow staff and members. The job will be centered in-person, with a rhythm that will be based on a work schedule of Monday - Thursday, 9am-2:30pm, and able to flex occasionally. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter by Wednesday, May 31, to our Pastor Emily at emily@firstonfifth.org. If you know anyone who might be interested in applying, please feel free to send along this information, available on our website at <https://firstonfifth.org/employment>. Thank you for your prayers for this new partner in ministry!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, May 14

- 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*)

MONDAY, May 15

TUESDAY, May 16

- 11:30 am Older Adult Picnic/Hymnsing (*Leinbach Park*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Fellow Travelers (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, May 17

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Adult Handbells (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, May 18

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 11:00 am Older Adult Team (*online*)
- 5:45 pm Children's Ministry Team (*online*)

FRIDAY, May 19

SATURDAY, May 20

SUNDAY, May 21

- 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 Congregational Conversation (*Kelly*)

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