



“No, the way isn’t what we thought it was going to be. The way is demanding. The way is precarious. The way takes time. But the invitation of this Gospel is *still* an invitation to confidence. Not because we’re experts at finding God, but because God has always and already found us. With every unknowing we embrace, God finds us one more time.”

+ Debie Thomas

*Journey with Jesus, He Qi*

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 7, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Symphony 9, From the New World, II. Largo, *Going Home*  
Jacob Hill, Organ

A. Dvorák

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 84:1-4

Linda Lewis

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

**All: Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise!**

\*HYMN 223: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Amelia Britt

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-14**

Jim Nelson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Zack Jackson

*(Please read in unison.)*

**Comforting God,  
we confess to you our troubled hearts,  
our constant need for answers,  
our doubts about the place you have prepared for us.  
Forgive us for our lack of faith and understanding.  
Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust,  
through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope,  
the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE: 1 Peter 2:9-10**

Amelia Britt

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,  
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts  
of him who called you out of darkness  
into his marvelous light.  
Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Hear this good news  
and proclaim it as God's own people:  
In the risen Christ all sin is forgiven,  
all are welcomed home.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM: *The Road Home***

S. Paulus

Sanctuary Choir

Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago?  
All these years I have wandered, Oh when will I know there's a way, there's a  
road that will lead me home? After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as  
I wake from a dream in the gold of day, through the air there's a calling from  
far away, there's a Voice I can hear that will lead me home. Rise up, follow Me,  
come away is the call, with the love in your heart as the only song; there is no  
such beauty as where you belong, rise up, follow Me, I will lead you home.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

### 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 Home*

Emily Hull McGee

### THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 206: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

W ZLOBIE LEZY, alt

*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

Kevin Masten

*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](http://firstonfifth.org).*

### THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Emily Hull McGee

#### \*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

#### \*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

### POSTLUDE: *Toccata Brevis*

D. Gawthrop

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*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 14 | John 14:15-21

*The Resurrection Way That Abides*

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*

### **SERVING TODAY**

Acolytes:

Deacon of the Week:

Children & Families Greeter:

Streaming and Sound Team:

Liam McGee and Silas McGee

Kevin Masten and Jim Nelson

Kim Wilkinson

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

### **BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the Benevolence Fund. This fund provides confidential financial assistance for individuals in times of crisis and is made possible by designated contributions. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Benevolence Fund.

### **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

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### May 12 | First Films 7 PM

The third film in our Spring Film Series is "Finding Altamira," to be shown Friday, May 12, at 7:00 PM in Kelly Auditorium. Come ready to watch the film and have a short discussion after. We will provide drinks, popcorn, and candy. Hope to see you there!

### 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 filling out the form in the Older Adults section of the newsletter or by contacting Amy McClure ([amy@firstonfifth.org](mailto: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!

### 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.

### Seeking Information | Celebrating Our Graduates

If you or a family member of yours is graduating from high school, technical school, college, graduate, or professional school this year, we want to celebrate with you! Please send the following information to Abigail Cook ([abigail@firstonfifth.org](mailto: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!

### Sign up | Newsletter

Sign up for our weekly newsletter and never miss a thing! To subscribe, send an email to Abigail Cook ([abigail@firstonfifth.org](mailto:abigail@firstonfifth.org)).

### Opportunity to Serve | Pivot

Pivot, one of our mission partners, has an exciting opportunity to create awareness of their ministry and raise some funds by serving food at some of the Winston-Salem Dash baseball games this season. Pivot Ministry's mission is to empower low-income women for better life and work opportunities. This could be a great bonding opportunity for a Sunday school class, committee, team, or a family to support pivot and serve our Winston-Salem community. Check the newsletter for more information and sign up to serve!

### 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](mailto: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 7

- 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 8

- 5:30 pm House and Grounds Committee (*online*)
- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee (*online*)

### TUESDAY, May 9

- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

### WEDNESDAY, May 10

- 11:00 am A Survey of the Bible (*Baraca Room*)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Adult Handbells (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

### THURSDAY, May 11

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)

### FRIDAY, May 12

- 7:00 pm First Films (*Kelly Auditorium*)

### SATURDAY, May 13

### 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*)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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