

None of us is safe from the ravages of a society that makes room for only a chosen few and keeps at bay the vast majority. For those of us who are educated and employed, there is always the potential to be a Sarai; and, lamentably, there are far too many opportunities in a capitalist society for her to surface. Yet most of us are just a paycheck away from Hagar.

+ Renita Weems

*Hagar and Ishmael: The Journey Continues*, Abel Pann



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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 9, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Offertoire pour Grand Orgue*

C. Gounod

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:7-10, 13-14

Clay Johnson

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!

**All: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

Leader: Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.

**All: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!  
If my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me up.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

**All: Wait for the LORD; be strong,  
and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!**

\*HYMN 60: *Like a River Glorious*

WYE VALLEY

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 16:1-16

Amy McClure

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Riley Johnson

Leader: Let us confess those times when we have caused strife  
in our families, our churches, and our communities,  
that God may heal us and change the patterns of our hearts.

**All: God of love and justice,  
we long for harmony in our families,  
for serenity in the midst of our struggles.  
We long for the day when our homes and communities  
will be a dwelling place for your love.  
Yet we confess that we are often jealous and resentful,  
we seldom trust each other, and we harbor violent thoughts.  
We are not willing to take the risks  
and make the sacrifices that love requires.  
Forgive us, Lord; look upon us with kindness and grace.  
Rule in our homes, our churches, our country and in all the world.  
We pray through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 147:2-3

Zack Jackson

Leader: The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
God gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
Our Lord heals the brokenhearted,  
and binds up their wounds.

Through the compassion of our God  
we are forgiven; we are made whole.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Let us resolve to live as healers of every division,  
as repairers of every breach,  
as arbiters of God's peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)*

ANTHEM: *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where  
there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Wherever there's despair, hope. Where  
there's darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. Lord, make me an instrument of Thy

peace. O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. For it is in giving that we receive. For it is by faith that we believe. For in forgiving, we are forgiven. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life! Make me an instrument of Thy peace.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Harston

### 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: "Then and Now: Oppression"

Emily Hull McGee

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 71: *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

*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

Kim Wilkinson

*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

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: *Grand Choeur*, op. 68, no. 2

T. Salome

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

**Then and Now: Summer Preaching at First on Fifth | June 11 - August 27, 2023**

Sometimes to understand the “now,” we have to explore the “then.” This summer in worship, we’ll return to the very beginning of our shared story in Genesis. For in our world’s current season where the fabric of our life together has frayed, perhaps these stories of the mothers and fathers of our faith will illumine the human and relational complexities we experience, all within the light of a good God who is our beginning and end!

July 16 | Matthew 4:17  
Children & Youth-Led Passport Worship

July 23 | Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7  
*Then and Now: Laughter*  
(The Story of Sarah) | Amy McClure, proclaimer

July 30 | Genesis 22:1-14  
*Then and Now: Testing and Providing*  
(The Story of Isaac) | Zack Jackson, proclaimer

August 6 | Genesis 25:19-34  
*Then and Now: Conflict*  
(The Story of Rebekah, Jacob, & Esau)

August 13 | Genesis 32:22-31  
*Then and Now: Struggle*  
(The Story of Jacob)

August 20 | Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
*Then and Now: Power*  
(The Story of Jacob’s sons)

August 27 | Genesis 45:1-15  
*Then and Now: Purpose*  
(The Story of Joseph)

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**SERVING TODAY**

Deacon of the Week: Kim Wilkinson and Pat Thompson  
Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson  
Streaming and Sound Team: Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Meyers

**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 through pre-K 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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### **Churchwide Summer Sunday School Continues**

*June 11 - August 27, 2023*

We're so delighted to offer two churchwide Sunday School options this year, and encourage all – newcomers and long-termers alike! – to find your place. Read more about these and other weekday class options in the newsletter!

#### **Summer Conversations**

*Kelly Auditorium, 9:30-10:30am*

Curriculum: Worship scriptures from Genesis

Leaders: Ka'thy Gore Chappell, Chris Gambill, David Hughes; hosted by the Conversations Class

Contact: Joy Gambill, [gambiljm@wfu.edu](mailto:gambiljm@wfu.edu)

#### **Topics in Faith**

*Baraca Room, 9:30-10:30am*

Curriculum: Topics that overlap with and inform our life of faith, centered around spiritual care

Leaders: Variety of teachers from within and outside our church

Contact: Emily Hull McGee, [emily@firstonfifth.org](mailto:emily@firstonfifth.org)

### **Welcome Carol Harston, Guest Lecturer!**

The Topics in Faith Churchwide Sunday School class welcomed guest lecturer, Rev. Dr. Carol Harston, to lead their class this morning on "Healing from Theological Trauma." Rev. Dr. Carol Harston is a pastoral researcher and theologian of the people. Through Eden Hill Initiative, Carol starts conversations to learn from those who have grown up around traumatizing theology. We are grateful for Carol's leadership in worship this morning!

### **First Films: In the Heights | July 14, 6:30PM**

Come join us for the second film in our Summer of Songs series as we celebrate film musicals. **In the Heights** is Lin-Manuel Miranda's Tony Award winning musical (adapted for film by Jon Chu) which follows the unfolding of dreams, American and Caribbean, among the residents of the Washington Heights neighborhood as they struggle through a heatwave with the help of family, community, patience and faith. Admission is free.

### **Children and Youth-Led Passport Worship | July 16**

Next Sunday in worship, we will all have the delight to experience a glimpse into Passport camp! Twenty-one of our children, youth, and leaders just returned from transformative weeks at camp, and will lead our worship next Sunday. Passport's theme this year, "Upside Down," orients participants to the God whose way of seeing, thinking, and loving turns the world upside down. Join us next Sunday for this special time of worship!

### **Dash Baseball | August 4**

Join your church family at the Winston-Salem Dash baseball game on Friday, August 4, at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each and include food, a seat in the shade behind the 3rd base dugout, and fireworks! To reserve your ticket, please contact Pastor Amy.

### **CPR Training | August 26**

ALL children and youth workers are asked to attend the CPR/First Aid training on Saturday, August 26, from 9:00am -12:00pm in Kelly Auditorium. Other church members are welcome to sign up to be trained as well! Spots are limited to the first 50 people to sign up, so make your reservation today. Light refreshments will be available throughout the training. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, August 17 by emailing Amy ([amy@firstonfifth.org](mailto:amy@firstonfifth.org)) or filling out the form in the newsletter.

### **Seeking Donations | Crisis Control**

The gift for July is toilet tissue. Please drop off donations in the bins marked at the bottom of the staircase by the elevator. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry to our community.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, July 9

- 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 Deacon's Meeting (*Kelly Auditorium*)

### MONDAY, July 10

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

### TUESDAY, July 11

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 11:00 am Older Adult Lunch (*Offsite*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

### WEDNESDAY, July 12

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 2:00 pm IMF Grant Advisory Team Meeting (*online*)

### THURSDAY, July 13

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

### FRIDAY, July 14

- 6:30pm First Films: In the Heights (*Kelly Auditorium*)

### SATURDAY, July 15

### SUNDAY, July 16

- 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

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