



Pablo Sanaguano, *Feast of Creation*

I love you world.
 Love your seven different faces.
 Love your healing waters wide and deep.
 Love the thing you have with the sun and moon
 and what it teaches us
 about companionship, about change,
 about revolution.
 Love the mirror at your navel,
 how it shows off your hemispheres,
 illustrating important lessons
 about balance, about reflection,
 about centering ourselves.
 Love how much like little worlds
 we are. How our earthquake
 is your shiver, your sneeze a tsunami,
 an avalanche, a mudslide.
 When you have hot flashes
 we call it drought.
 You once covered your whole body
 with ice to cool a fever.
 When you weep, daily,
 over our continued ignorance,
 our epic failures and petty squabbles
 —our every transgression,
 your waters break and we are born again.
 Love your outreach, our mutual attraction,

your gravitational pull.
 For every treasure we steal from your womb
 you send us hail and thunderstorms.
 When we invent poisons and no antidotes
 and build monuments to ourselves
 you send tornadoes and hurricanes
 to remind us of how small we truly are.
 And yet, every day you continue to humble,
 inspire, and move us to tears
 with your natural beauty.
 Our own efforts to mimic your vistas
 are what we dare call art and dance,
 music and poetry,
 architecture and language, and love.
 It is the only thing we have ever gotten right.
 We can't pass the course on humanity
 if we keep failing the lessons on harmony
 and until we unlearn fear and hate.
 Thank you, world, for this
 open-book exam before us,
 for still believing we are worthy of your love.
 We who love you back already know
 that everything we do to you
 we also do to ourselves.

+ Frank X. Walker, *Love Letter to the World*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 26, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Spitfire Prelude*

W. Walton

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Jordynn Elizalde

We praise you Creator God. Thank you for the sun, moon and stars. Thank you for the sea creatures. Thank you for the fire and all the elements of weather. Thank you for the beautiful nature around us. We praise you for every living thing. The young children and the young at heart praise you together. In the name of Jesus, our salvation. Amen.

Written by the 1st-5th Grade Class

*HYMN 307: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

David Williamson

Leader: God of comfort and peace,
on this Memorial Day Weekend we pray for all who suffer as a result of war:
for the injured and the disabled, for the mentally distressed,
and for those whose faith in God and in other people
has been weakened or destroyed by the horrors of war.
Lord of comfort and peace, we lift our hearts to you:

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We mourn those who have courageously
laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.
May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us
the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
We pray for families who have lost husband, wife, child, or parent,
and especially for those who have no hope in Christ
to sustain them in their grief.
Lord of comfort and peace, we lift our hearts to you:

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, we confess that our own warring hearts
contribute to the violence of our society,
encouraging war as a way of resolving dispute and conflict.
In so doing, our destructive spirits work counter to your creative Spirit,
the same Spirit that brought our world into existence.
Even as you continue your work of creation revealed in the beauty around us,
may our hearts be so changed that we might help usher in your Kingdom of Peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation,
let us work for the day when darkness is overcome by eternal light,
when peace and contentment reign forever,
when love and forgiveness triumph over war and violence,
Lord of comfort and peace, we lift our hearts to you:

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 148

Carlos Mir

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. L. Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the
woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes
the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sun- shine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling
starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, praise,
adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Olena Withrow

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: "All Nature Sings: Planet Earth"

Emily Hull McGee

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 26: God of Creation, All-Powerful**

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**

Lynn Rhoades

*The giving of our material possessions, as well as our very lives, is an important part
of active, vibrant worship of which all are invited to participate. In a moment,
Deacons will pass the offering plates for you to share your 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.*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

David Williamson

*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: *Rondeau*

J. Mouret

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are placed in the sanctuary in memory of Fran Stewart on her birthday by Barbara Bedwell, Paul McCraw, Barry and Nancy Robinson

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Lynn Rhoades and Carlos Mir

Children & Families Greeter:

Kim Wilkinson

Streaming and Sound Team:

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,
Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

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 after worship. This allows us to extend our hospitality and connect you deeply within the life of 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 kindergarteners is available in the nursery on the first floor. The balcony continues to be reserved for those preferring extra distance. We're so glad you're here!

SUPPORTING GOD'S WORK OF LOVE THROUGH FIRST BAPTIST ON FIFTH

Thank you for giving faithfully to God through the ministries of our church! Should you desire to give today, you can do so by placing your gift in the offering plates 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

Defying Norms: Worship This Summer

All throughout his life, Jesus was something of a rule-breaker! Unwilling to accept the way things always had been and uncompromising in his commitment to God's dream for the world, Jesus challenged the status quo for the sake of Love. In the norm-departing season of summer, as schedules shift and responsibilities relax, we'll look to the Gospel of Mark's accounts of Jesus in a series called "Defying Norms," and consider how we can do the same.

Welcoming Rev. Mary Kaylor, Minister for Newcomers and Young Adults

The Personnel Committee is delighted to welcome Rev. Mary Kaylor as our Minister for Newcomers and Young Adults! In this part-time position, Mary will continue the work that Zack Jackson began in serving the communities of new members and young adults. In her work with new member ministry, Mary will be the first point of welcome, oversee our new member programming (including First Impressions, First on Fifth 101, and the New Member Meet and Greet) and work to cultivate connections between newcomers and the existing congregation. Her work among our young adults will include offering leadership with young adult Sunday School, fellowship gatherings, ministry team formation, and pastoral care. Mary will serve with our pastoral team, lead in worship, and serve the congregation as a whole. This position represents on average 15 hours per week, and is contracted through December 2024. Read more in the newsletter and website. Welcome Mary!

Welcoming Mallory Challis, Summer Pastoral Intern

The Personnel Committee and church extend a warm welcome to Mallory Challis, who joins our staff team as our Summer Pastoral Intern! In this role, Mallory will experience a wide range of pastoral ministry, including worship leadership, pastoral care, missions, administration, communications & outreach, and a special focus in youth ministry. Her internship will begin June 3. Read more in the newsletter and website. Welcome Mallory!

Seeking Office Volunteers This Summer!

The Personnel Committee is seeking volunteers to help in the church office this summer while Lena is away completing her summer internship in New York City! If you are willing and interested in helping in the

church office, we would be so grateful! We're looking for volunteers to work from June 3 through August 12, Mondays through Wednesdays, in shifts from 10am-12pm and 12-2pm. Sign up for a shift or two (or ten!) at the link in your newsletter. Thank you for supporting our church in this way!

Graduate Recognition Info Roundup

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 Olena Withrow (olena@firstonfifth.org) by Tuesday, May 28 for inclusion in the June 2 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!

June 8 | NC Zoo For All Ages

The children's ministry team invites people of all ages to join us at the NC Zoo in Asheboro on Saturday, June 8 starting at 9:00am where we will meet at the Africa entrance of the zoo. Tickets are \$10/person for ages 2 and older. Babies, 1-year-olds, and season pass holders are free! **If you have previously signed up, please do so again at the updated link in your newsletter by May 31.**

June 26 | Older Adult Hymn sing in the park!

Join us for a Hymn Sing at Leinbach Park at 11:30am! Jake Hill will join us with his keyboard and hymnals and will take song selections from you. Start thinking about what you want to request! An RSVP is required for this event so we can make sure to have enough food for everyone. Donations on the day of the event are appreciated, but not required.

June 30 | Independence Day Brunch, 9:30 am

In lieu of Sunday school, please join us on June 30 in Kelly Auditorium for a time of fellowship, food, and singing as we celebrate Independence Day. Refreshments will be available beginning at 9:30am.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for May are Spices. (Cinnamon, Cumin, Salt, Pepper, Vanilla extract, Basil, Tajin, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, May 26

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 27

Memorial Day- Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, May 28

7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
4:30 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
6:30 pm Reynolda Walking Group (*offsite*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, May 29

10:00 am Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, May 30

10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group
6:00 pm Running Affinity Group (*offsite*)
6:00 pm Community Wide Book Study

FRIDAY, May 31

7:00 pm Board Game Affinity Group (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, June 1

SUNDAY, June 2

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 Graduation Lunch (*Kelly*)

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