



Christian discernment is not the same as decision making. Reaching a decision can be straightforward: we consider our goals and options; maybe we list the pros and cons of each possible choice; and then we choose the action that meets our goal most effectively. Discernment, on the other hand, is about listening and responding to that place within us where our deepest desires align with God's desire. As discerning people, we sift through our impulses, motives, and options to discover which ones lead us closer to divine love and compassion for ourselves and other people and which ones lead us further away.

+ Henri Nouwen, *Discernment*

For One of the Least of These,
Soichi Watanabe

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 14, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Elevations*

Jacob Hill, Organ

D.P. Benoit

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100

Jordynn Elizalde

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**All: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;

All: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*HYMN 319: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

CENTERING PRAYER: *The Kingdom of God*

Taizé Community

Sanctuary Choir

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kyle Caudle

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.

ANTHEM: *Give Me Jesus*

arr. T. Manor

Sanctuary Choir

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I am alone, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I come to die, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: Through our Lord Jesus Christ we have obtained access
to the grace in which we stand.
With confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**All: Holy God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge our tendency to be more apathetic than caring,
more isolated than involved, more prideful than humble,
more callous than compassionate, more obstinate than obedient.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles that hinder us from being
your representatives in this world of brokenness.
As Jesus sent his disciples out to heal the sick, cast out demons,
gather the lost, raise the dead, and proclaim the nearness of your realm,
make us ready to go and share the good news we have received;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Romans 5:1-8

Steve Loftis

Leader: Friends, hear this good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us share the sign of a forgiven people:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share these words of peace with those around you.)

*HYMN 662: *The Mission God Has Given*

NYLAND

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 9:35, 10:1-16

Emily Hull McGee

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *“How to Be Human: Discern”*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 503: *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

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

Russell Talley

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. If you would like to give online, you will find additional information in this worship guide and on our website, firstonfifth.org.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Mary Kaylor

*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: *Suite Gothique, II. Menuet*

L. Boellmann

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Casey Masten and Wilson Masten

Deacon of the Week:

Russell Talley and Steve Loftis

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Wally & Alice Cox

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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. 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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To access the listening assist system please, scan the QR code to download the Listen WIFI app to your smartphone. Make sure you are connected to the firstonfifth-guest WIFI network. Password: boldandboundless. Select the main channel on the app, ensure the sound is unmuted in the bottom left corner, and listen through your headphones or hearing aids.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

How To Be Human

Summer Worship at First Baptist on Fifth

One has only to scan the headlines to feel despair at all things human. The rise of AI, threats to our climate and our collective well-being, and widespread conflicts around the globe causes us to wonder: how can we stay human amidst all that hopes to divide, distract, or diminish humanity? This summer in worship, we'll listen to Jesus's guidance on human living through the Gospel of Matthew, trusting the God who enlivened us at creation to enliven us once again.

June 21

How To Be Human: Dissent
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28

How To Be Human: Welcome
Matthew 10:40-42

July 5

How To Be Human: Rest
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Communion Sunday

July 12

How To Be Human: Sow
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19

How To Be Human: Complexify
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26

Children and Youth-Led Worship

Sunday Summer Choir

During the summer months the Sanctuary Choir will take a break from Wednesday night rehearsals and meet for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the choir room. The Sunday rehearsal is dedicated to preparing music just for the worship service that day at 11am. This summer schedule provides a great opportunity to sample the Sanctuary Choir without a long-term commitment! If you would like to join us on any Sunday during the summer, please contact David or Jake and we will have music ready for you!

June 14 | IAF Founding Assembly - Forsyth Strong

The Missions committee invites you to join with hundreds of leaders at Emmanuel Baptist (1075 Shalimar Dr.) to present our community power organization publicly and announce our inaugural campaigns on Education, Housing, and Mental Health. Seating opens at 3:30pm, and the program will run from 4:00-6:00pm. Contact Kyle or Linda Jones with questions.

June 20 | Youth Pool Party

Splash into summer with a youth pool party on Saturday, June 20 from 5-8pm. All youth and families are invited for swimming, games, and fellowship at Roper's house. Please bring a drink and snack to share. For more information contact kyle@firstonfifth.org

June 26 | Older Adults Ice Cream Fellowship

Join us at 2:00pm at TJ's Deli (5017 Country Club Rd., Winston Salem) for a sweet treat and fellowship. All you need to bring is money for your ice cream and yourself! RSVP in your Newsletter.

June 27 | Young Adults Service Day at Una Bendición

Join us on Saturday, June 27 at Una Bendición Community Center for a morning of service! We will meet at the center (3701 Crosland Rd.) at 8:30am to help set up for their food pantry distribution and assist with distribution that will begin at 9:30am. We should be done around lunch time. Please let Olivia (olivia@firstonfifth.org) know if you plan to be there!

June 28 | Kids Pool Party

Splash into summer with kids and parents as we join together for another summer pool party at Roper's house this year on Sunday, June 28 from 4-6pm. Please bring your own chair to sit by the pool, towel, sunscreen, drinks and any snacks or games you'd like to share with the group. RSVP in your Newsletter.

June 28 | Church Independence Day Potluck Brunch

Please join us on Sunday, June 28 at 9:45am for a *potluck* brunch in Kelly Auditorium. We will enjoy fellowship, food, and singing as we celebrate and prepare for Independence Day. The church will provide drinks, a fruit tray, and a pastry platter. Please bring some yummy food to add to the table!

Looking ahead this summer!

In addition to all of the wonderful opportunities to stay involved and connected this June, we would like to highlight additional opportunities coming in July! Our Summer Churchwide Sunday school series will be back for ALL Sundays in July, with this year's theme, "How to Read the Bible." Additionally, Passport Camp for both our Children and Youth is just around the corner, with dates in the first full week of July. More details on these opportunities and more in your newsletter!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, June 14

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 12:30 pm Deacons Meeting (*Baraca*)
- 4:00 pm Forsyth IAF Founding Assembly (*offsite*)

MONDAY, June 15

TUESDAY, June 16

- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (Conference)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, June 17

- CBF General Assembly (*offsite*)
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)

THURSDAY, June 18

- CBF General Assembly (*offsite*)
- 9:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, June 19

- Juneteenth - Church Office Closed*
- CBF General Assembly (*offsite*)

SATURDAY, June 20

- 5:00 pm Youth Pool Party (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, June 21

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 12:15 pm Missions Committee (*Baraca*)

OFFICE HOURS

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

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for June are Peanut Butter & Jelly. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

Seeking Donations | Una Bendición

The Missions Committee invites donations of cereal and bouillon cubes for Una Bendición, which connects Spanish-speaking families with community resources. Place donations by the Crisis Control bins. Thanks!

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