

The Cure for Sorrow, by Jan Richardson

Because I do not know any medicine for grief
but to let ourselves grieve.

Because I do not know any cure for sorrow
but to let ourselves sorrow.

Because I do not know any remedy
but to let the heart break
to let it fall open, then
to let it fall open still more.

Because I do not know how to mend
the unmendable, unfixable, unhealable wound
that keeps finding itself healed
as we tend it,
as we follow the line of it,
as we let it lead us on the path it knows.

Because I do not know any solace
but to give ourselves into the love
that will never cease to find us,
that will never loose its hold on us,
that will never abandon us to the sorrow
for which it holds the cure.



Healing, by Ivan Filichev

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 18, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Messe pour les couvents*, X. Cromorne sur la Taille

F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Harris

Leader: We gather on this Lord's Day to celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ:

All: who touches us with healing and makes us whole;

Leader: who teaches us God's love and brings us to life;

All: who reconciles us to God and unites us with others;

Leader: Let us worship God who is holy goodness.

All: Let us bring our praises to the One who ransoms, heals, and restores us!

*HYMN 337: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

TESTIMONY: "Why Church Matters"

Leah and Lorelei Clark

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

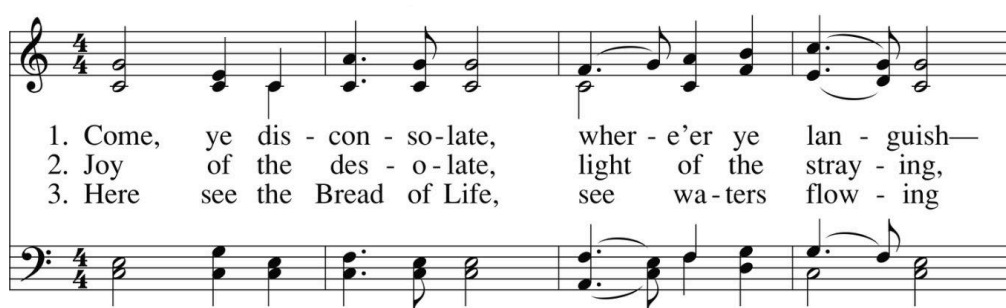
Mary Kaylor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

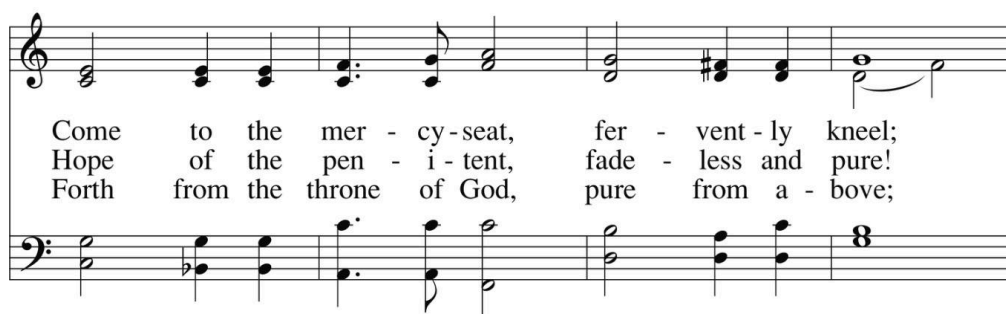
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN: *Come Ye Disconsolate*

CONSOLATOR



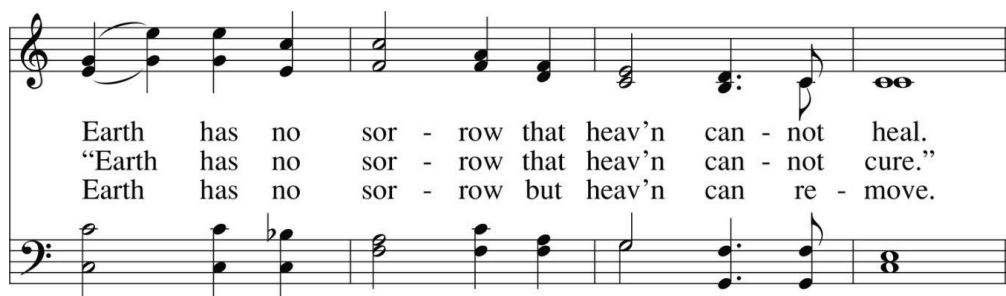
1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish—
2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3. Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing



Come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel;
Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove;



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish:
Here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love— come ev - er know - ing



Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

**Healing God, toward your invitation to be made well, we hesitate —
afraid of the responsibility, the change, and the new life you invite us into.
We confess that we too often nurse our excuses, blame our circumstances,
and look to fleeting comforts rather than your Spirit of flourishing.
Forgive our weariness and make us well this day. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Beloveds in Christ, with unending grace and mercy, God has forgiven us.

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.)

ANTHEM: *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

arr. K. Boesiger/M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir
Lauren Winkleman, piano

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, just tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 5:1-9

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"Practicing Our Faith: Healing"*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 607: *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

HYFRYDOL

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

Meredith Parker

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

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: XV. *Offertoire sur les grands jeux*

F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

William Townsend, Lilyana Salisbury, Kara Parker

Deacon of the Week:

Meredith Parker and Anna Harris

Greeters:

Debbie Adams and Will Abbott

Safety Team:

Day Pinto, Dean Culler, Caleb Sabbagh

Streaming and Sound Team:

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Jeff Burchette,
Judy Eustice, Julie Hall, Amber Myers, Meredith Parker

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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.



LISTENING ASSIST AVAILABLE

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

Practicing Our Faith

Dorothy Bass calls Christian practices “shared patterns of activity in and through which life together takes shape over time in response to and in the light of God as known in Jesus Christ. Woven together, they form a way of life.” Using her book *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People* as a guide, our worship this fall will center on twelve core Christian practices that have anchored the faith over centuries, alongside scriptural stories and wisdom for living them out. Further resources throughout the fall will enhance our exploration. In a full and fractured cultural landscape, may this season of sharing Christian practices ground us for the living of our days!

October 25

Practicing Our Faith: Shaping Communities
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

November 1

Practicing Our Faith: Dying Well
Psalm 88, 23, 100 & Romans 8:35, 38-39
All Saints Day
Communion Sunday

First on Fifth Seeks Childcare Specialist

The Children's Ministry Team is seeking a skilled Childcare Specialist to serve as part of our nursery ministry. This person will serve faithfully on Sunday mornings during Sunday school and worship, as well as during special services throughout the year. If you or anyone you may know might be interested, please visit <https://firstonfifth.org/employment/> to learn more about the role and the application process.

Call for Advent Devotional Writers!

The Adult Ministry Team is putting together a 2026 Advent Devotional Guide, and we need writers to make this happen! For this guide, we will incorporate the practice of testimony by asking writers to include personal experiences that go with assigned scriptures. Please email Joy Gambill (gambilljm@wfu.edu) or Kyle Caudle (kyle@firstonfifth.org) if you are interested.

Orders Due for Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, to decorate the Sanctuary this December, please pick up a form and return it with your payment to the church office by November 1! The cost is \$15.00 per poinsettia.

October 18 | CROP Walk

First on Fifth Youth are helping to raise awareness and fight hunger by participating in CROP Walk on Sunday, October 18. Our fundraising goal for 2026 is \$3,000. Help us fight hunger by donating to CROP Walk at the link in your newsletter or by making a check to **CWS/CROP**. If you would like to walk with us, the walk begins at Corpening Plaza at 2:30 pm. Please contact kyle@firstonfifth.org for more information.

October 24 | Chicken Stew & Bonfire Fellowship

The Fellowship Ministry Team invites you to join in an evening of good food, fellowship, and fun around the bonfire on Saturday, October 24th, starting at 7:00 pm! Please RSVP in your newsletter today so we can prepare enough food. For questions or concerns, please contact Nathan Mitchell. We look forward to enjoying a wonderful fall evening with you!

October 25 | Children's Ministry Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch Fellowship

All children and their families are invited to join us for a fun afternoon at Fries Creek Family Farm on Sunday, October 25, starting at 2:00 pm. This family farm has a variety of activities, food, and drink for your family's enjoyment. Please RSVP in your newsletter to let us know you are interested in attending!

October 27 | Quarterly Church Conference, 6:00 pm

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference (QCC) on Tuesday night, October 27, 2026, at 6:00pm in Kelly Auditorium and on Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. The congregation will hear a presentation from the Finance Committee regarding the proposed 2027 Ministry Funding Plan. Among other agenda items will be recommendations from the Membership Task Force, a joint committee report about changes to staff job descriptions, the proposed 2027 Leadership slate, and regular committee and team updates. Supper will be served at 5:30 pm, and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. RSVP in your newsletter for dinner. All reports and the finalized agenda will be emailed closer to the date. Join us!

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!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, October 18

- 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*)
- 12:15 pm New Member Ministry Team (*Conference*)
- 2:30 pm CROP Walk (*offsite*)

MONDAY, October 19

- 5:15 pm Longest Table Task Force (*Conference*)

TUESDAY, October 20

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*Conference*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 21

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
- 5:30 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:30 pm SPIRE Ringers Rehearsal (*Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, October 22

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, October 23

SATURDAY, October 24

- 7:00 pm Chicken Stew & Bonfire Fellowship (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, October 25

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
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OFFICE HOURS

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

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for October is Canned Meats. Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

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