

The First Baptist Church at Worship
2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 17, 2021

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Adagio in a minor J. S. Bach

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN (See pg. 5)

We Shall Overcome
LIFE IN CHRIST

Made popular during a very dark period in our modern history, the Civil Rights struggle of the 1960s, *We Shall Overcome* has now become a rallying cry for whenever and wherever there is injustice or attacks made against basic human rights. Today, this song is heard in countries around the globe, and its meaning can be compared with the painting by Edward Hicks the *Peaceable Kingdom*, as well as the passage from Isaiah, *The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.* The song also reminds us of the wonderful country that we live in and the wonderful advancements we can make as a people united when we all accept one another as equal and made in the image of God.

HONORING THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Charlene Bayless

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Charlene Bayless

1 Samuel 3:1-10: Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

(The Children's Message is a separate video available on our website.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 6)

#155 *We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light*
SIYAHAMBA

**We are praying for the Lord is our light, we are praying for the Lord is our light.
We are praying for the Lord is our light, we are praying for the Lord is our light.
We are praying, Oh, we are praying for the Lord is our light.
We are praying, Oh, we are praying for the Lord is our light.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

SPECIAL MUSIC

Parris Hobbs, soloist

Here I Am, Lord Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Speak, Lord, We Are Listening"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 7)

#400 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*
PRECIOUS LORD

Many hymns are conceived in the throes of tragedy. *Precious Lord* was written in Chicago in 1932 following the death of Thomas Dorsey's wife Nettie and infant son during childbirth. Thomas Dorsey was born in Georgia. His father was a Baptist preacher, and his mother a piano teacher. Known as the Father of Black Gospel Music, Dorsey combined African American church hymns such as those by Methodist minister, Charles A. Tindley, with blues and jazz. This worldly combination was not without controversy at first, but set the tone for gospel music for decades to come as well as music of other styles.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Partita on "Praise God the Lord" Johann Gottfried Walther

(*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.
Thank you!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Note! Please wear a mask over your mouth and nose, use hand sanitizer, and remain socially distanced from those outside your family group when entering and exiting. Please only enter and exit from the sanctuary and do not go to other areas of the church. If a restroom visit is required, please use the downstairs rooms.

Please fill out a **yellow card** to indicate your attendance, along with the pew number where you are sitting, in case we need to get in touch with you for contact tracing in the event that someone who attends become positive for COVID-19 soon afterward. Adjustments to our service include no offertory, but rather you will be able to leave your offering as you enter/exit. We are not singing aloud, though our musicians will provide hymns when you can read along, sing in your heart or hum quietly with your mask on.

We plan to **livestream** our Sunday worship service to our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>) for later viewing. We will hold our live **Zoom Gathering** Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. This is a time to connect with one another, pray, and have a lesson. Anyone is welcome to join us through any of these venues as we try to reach people in safe and meaningful ways.

2021 Lenten Devotional - Call for Submissions

Believe it or not, the Season of Lent starts next month on Ash Wednesday, February 17 (!). And one of the things we have done in the past as a congregation is co-create a daily devotional for the 40-days of Lent. I would like to help do this again as a way of bringing our voices and perspectives together, especially in a time when so many of us remain apart from each other out of care. Perhaps the easiest way to achieve this would be for those wishing to contribute a daily reflection to contact me via email (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org) or phone (937-631-3579), and I could assign you a day and provide some suggested Scriptures upon which to reflect. Reflections can be prose, poetry, art, photography, etc. This invitation to contribute is open to folks of all ages. And I hope to make it available in print and online. In order to leave sufficient time for editing and composition, I'd ask that devotions be submitted by **Wednesday, February 10**. I look forward to hearing from you all! ~Pastor Jason

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday evening, January 31 at 5:00 PM (during our regularly scheduled Zoom gathering). We will be voting to approve our 2021 budget and our slate of board and committee members. These documents and our Annual Report will be made available electronically as soon as they are available with enough time to review and communicate as needed. Please watch your email for further communications and instructions.

Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton

"What Keeps YOU Up at Night?"

Sunday, January 31 @ 4pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 972 1266 4020

<https://zoom.us/j/97212664020>

The Interfaith Forum January meeting has local leaders speaking to Dayton action and progress in five areas of negative impact on all our lives: racism, poverty, militarism vs peace, ecological devastation . . . and a distorted morality. Join us in this virtual meeting.

Support Our Baptist Youth Fellowship Through the AmazonSmile Program!

Just go to smile.amazon.com and log-in with your [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) username and password. Search for "First Baptist Church Dayton" in the list of charitable organizations and click "Select." Then each time you want to buy something through Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com (not [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)) and log-in and buy as you normally would. 0.5% of all eligible purchases will be donated to our church's BYF. Thanks for your support!

Update Your Contact Information

Please contact the church office and share your most updated information. If you have moved, have a new cell phone number or email address, please share these new details at your earliest convenience.

Matthew 25 Clothing Bin

A clothing bin from Matthew 25 Ministries is now located in the church parking lot near the garden. Items to be placed in the bin include: New and gently-used clothing and shoes; new underwear and socks; new and gently-used household linens (towels, curtains, sheets, comforters, totes, aprons, backpacks).

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Harry Alsup	Neil Earnest	Judy Smith
Paige Bartlett	Lavanda Ferguson	Michelle Smith
Molly Beam	Ken Gordon	Helen Sutton
Marlen Berghuis	Bev Harrell	Emily Taylor
Jessica Blair	Linda Haskins	Torrey Thrash
Don Brown	Marva Hughes	Anne Veghte
Jessica Brown	Barbara Jett	Sara Vice
Robert Brown	Doris Landis	Waldrop Family
William Caldwell	Anna Frances Lasley	Janay Webster
Lynn Chadbourne	Vincent Liss	Zachery Williamson
Tami Malone Charles	Tim Meador	Peggie Worthey
Andy Collier	Arthur Merkle	Healthcare Workers
Marilyn Craig	Miles-Curry Families	Police & Fire Fighters
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Military Duty:
Donna Curry	Pipenger Family	Sebastian Ewald
Martha DeBold	Radachi Family	Sunny Ewald
Florida Dixon	Susan Reichard	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Judy See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

OPENING HYMN

542 WE SHALL OVERCOME

*For whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.
1 John 5:4-5*

1. We shall o - ver - come. We shall o - ver -
 2. We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in
 3. We shall live in peace. We shall live in
 4. We are not a - fraid. We are not a -
 5. God will see us through. God will see us

come. We shall o - ver - come some - day.
 hand. We'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 peace. We shall live in peace some - day.
 fraid. We are not a - fraid to - day.
 through. God will see us through to - day.

Oh, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve. We shall o - ver - come some - day.

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CALL TO PRAYER

We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light 155

We are sing - ing,* for the Lord is our light,
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos,'

we are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos'.

We are sing - ing, Oh we are
Si - ya - ham - ba, Oo si - ya -

We are sing - ing, sing - ing, we are sing - ing, sing - ing, we are
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

we are
si - ya -

1
sing - ing for the Lord is our light.
hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos.

2
We are our light.
Si - ya - kwen - khos.

sing - ing for the Lord is, for the Lord is our light. We are our light.
hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen, kha - ny - en' kwen - khos. Si - ya - kwen - khos.

sing - ing for the Lord is our light. We are our light.
hamb' e - ku - kha - ny - en' kwen - khos. Si - ya - kwen - khos.

*marching, praying

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MUSIC: Zulu melody; adapt. Hal Hopson, 1994
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SIYAHAMBA
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HYMN OF RESPONSE

400 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand —
2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near —

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone;

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light —
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall —

take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

WORDS: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

MUSIC: Folk melody; adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

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