

The First Baptist Church at Worship
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 21, 2021

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

God So Loved the World from "The Crucifixion" John Stainer

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. 6)

At the Name of Jesus
KING'S WESTON

Caroline Marie Noel, the daughter of an Anglican clergyman and hymn writer began to write poetry in her late teens, but then abandoned it until she was in her forties. During those years she suffered frequent bouts of illness and eventually became an invalid. To encourage both herself and others who were ill or incapacitated, Noel began to write devotional verse again. Her poems were collected in *The Name of Jesus and Other Verses for the Sick*.

Listening for the Word of God

*GOSPEL LESSON

William Henry Caldwell

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

John 12:20-33: Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

**Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Alspaugh

SPECIAL MUSIC

First Baptist Male Ensemble
Justen Seay, Brad Kallenberg, Parris Hobbs, Ray Landis, Michael Cage

What Wondrous Love Is This? arr. J. Harold Moyer

What wondrous love is this, O my soul? What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? When I was sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, while millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I’m free I’ll sing on, and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, and thru eternity I’ll sing on.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“We Would See Jesus”

The Response of God’s People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 8)

#184 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
ST. CHRISTOPHER

In the first stanza of this hymn, the cross is depicted as a desert oasis, a stop along the way where we can recover from the stress of life. The second stanza reminds us of the great cost of that oasis Jesus suffered and died a tortuous death because of His great love for us and how little we are worth in comparison. The last stanza echoes what Paul wrote to the Philippians: “Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”

BENEDICTION

William Henry Caldwell

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Fanfare on “Diademata” George J. Elvey; setting by James Denton
“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

(*) 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. You may sing quietly or hum 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.fbcdayton.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.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING

The theme for the AFC 2021 Offering is “For the Purpose of Equipping Saints” based on Ephesians 4:11-13: *“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry.”* Your generous AFC gifts support our mission—connecting our partners to cultivate leaders and equip disciples who bring healing and transformation to communities across our nation and Puerto Rico. Your contributions share God’s love by:

- Cultivating Leaders—Strong leaders advance the mission of faith communities.
- Equipping Disciples—Broadening the understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
- Healing Communities—We believe the power of Christian love can, and will, change the world.

Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Please give generously to reach our goal of \$700.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM

“Songs of Lent”

Sundays @ 5:00pm | February 21-March 28

During Lent, Pastor Jason will lead our Sunday evening Zoom Gathering in a series of reflections on some of the songs that are traditionally sung in this season. We will consider our own connections to the songs, the context in which the songs were written, as well as the songs’ biblical and theological underpinnings. Below is a list of the songs we’ll be discussing so that you can listen to them and reflect on the lyrics ahead of time. We hope you’ll join us!

NOTE: There is a recurring link for this weekly Zoom gathering:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556966746>

Mar. 21 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Mar. 28 *Were You There & Jesus, Remember Me*

Building Bridges Bible Study

Thursdays @ 7:30-8:30am via Zoom

Our Thursday morning Bible study--which we've called "Building Bridges" these past several years--has continued to meet throughout the pandemic (mostly online via Zoom, but also outdoors when the weather is warm enough). And I'd like to send a renewed invitation to any and all early birds who would like to join us for a time of discussion centered on a selected passage of Scripture. Often the Scriptures spark conversations about things in our lives and important matters of the day, so there's no telling exactly where the Spirit will lead us. But it's always a good time, and we invite you to grab a cup of coffee or tea, and join us. Currently, we are meeting via Zoom, and you can email me (Pastor Jason) for that information at jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org.

COVID Vaccinations

Have you made plans for a COVID vaccination yet? Roger Stephens and Gina Greenwood have graciously offered to help people navigate the system so if you have questions, please contact Roger at jsteph40@aol.com or 937-470-1972, or contact Gina at ginalee628@gmail.com or 937-750-1014.



March 28: Palm Sunday Service, 10:00am
 April 1: Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion, 7pm
 April 2: Good Friday Virtual Walk for Peace & Justice *(Details TBA)*
 April 4: Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am, Carillon Historical Park
 Easter Sunday Service, 10:00am, FBC

**Easter Sunrise Service at Carillon Historical Park
 April 4 @ 6:30AM**

Carillon Historical Park’s Easter Sunrise Service will return to an in-person event this year. On Sunday, April 4, at 6:30 a.m. attendees will be able to gather again on the lawn surrounding the Deeds Carillon as ringing bells usher in the sunrise. Visitors to the free service should bring blankets or chairs, and they will be encouraged to wear masks and to seat themselves away from people who are not part of their household. Rev. Shelby Walker of BTC Ministries, will give the Easter message. Dr. Larry Weinstein, a carillonneur for the park, will perform live music. The annual event is held jointly by Dayton History and Greater Dayton Christian Connections.

Special Prelude on Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday at First Baptist our church musicians will offer an extended prelude of sacred seasonal compositions for contemplation at worship starting at 9:45 a.m.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, April 4. A special insert on Easter Sunday will include names of donors and names of those in whose memory or honor a flower is given. A gift of \$20 is suggested. **Please turn in your order and payment by Friday, March 26.** Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church and please note ‘Easter Flowers’ on the memo line.



**EASTER FLOWER ORDER / DEDICATION(S)
 (PLEASE PRINT)**

Your Name(s): _____

In **Memory** of: _____

In **Honor** of: _____

_____ \$20 enclosed _____ \$20 will be mailed by 3/26/21

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	Helen Sutton
Paige Bartlett	Lavanda Ferguson	Kaye Suryk
Cody Berghuis	Ken Gordon	Emily Taylor
Marlen Berghuis	Bev Harrell	Torrey Thrash
Jessica Blair	Linda Haskins	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Barbara & Bob Jett	Sara Vice
Jessica Brown	Doris Landis	Waldrop Family
Robert Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Zachery Williamson
William Caldwell	Vincent Liss	Peggie Worthey
Lynn Chadbourne	Tim Meador	Healthcare Workers
Tami Malone Charles	Arthur Merkle	Police & Fire Fighters
June Collier	Mary Ann Paloncy	Military Duty:
Marilyn Craig	Susan Reichard	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Judy See	Sunny Ewald
Martha DeBold	Judy Smith	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Florida Dixon	Michelle Smith	Andy Wilson
Jim Earnest	Roger Stephens	

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2021 For the Purpose of Equipping Saints

EPHESIANS 4:11-13 (NIV)



Ministry focus: Leadership Empowerment

Through American Baptist Home Mission Societies' Co-Creators Incubator, individuals with innovative ministry ideas—called Co-Creators—meet as a cohort. They are then paired with mentors possessing expertise in entrepreneurship, theological framing, leadership development, networking, congregational support, missiology and strategic thinking. Their meeting is one of storytelling, collaboration and experimentation. At "Demo Day," Co-Creators pitch their ideas to Creative Partners who may choose to provide ongoing support and resources to nurture the ideas.



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OPENING HYMN

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At the Name of Jesus

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Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931

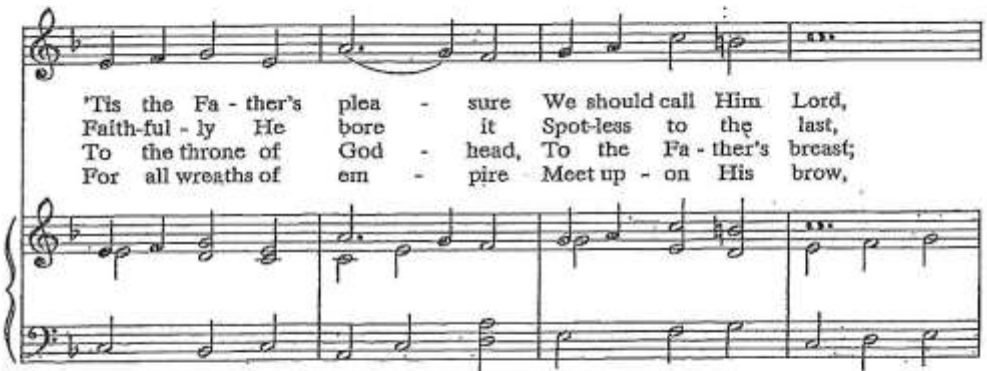
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925



1. At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,
2. Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re-ceive a name
3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, With its hu - man light,
4. Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus Shall re-turn a - gain,



Ev - ery tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;
From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom He came,
Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
With His Pa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
Faith-ful - ly He bore it Spot-less to the last,
To the throne of God - head, To the Pa - ther's breast;
For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on His brow,



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious, When from death He passed;
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
And our hearts con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.

CALL TO PRAYER

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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of Thee
 2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
 3. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart!
 4. But what to those who find? Ah! this,

with sweet-ness fills my breast; but sweet - er far Thy
 nor can the mem - ory find a sweet - er sound than
 O joy of all the meek! To those who fall, how
 no tongue or pen can show the love of Je - sus,

face to see, and in Thy pres - ence rest.
 Je - sus' name, Sav - ior of hu - man - kind!
 kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is none but His loved ones know.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I hum - bly take my stand,
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus my eye at times can see
 3. I take, O Cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of His face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of His glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

WORDS: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1868
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker, 1881

ST. CHRISTOPHER
 Irregular