

The First Baptist Church at Worship 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Three movements from *Suite Médiévale*; Prelude (*Organ Book*)

Jean Langlais

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)

#332 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

"If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all," so said Peter Böhler to Charles Wesley, inspiring the first line of the classic hymn, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise." Written to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Charles' conversion to Christianity, this declaration of Christ's power and victory in his own life, rich in Biblical imagery of the Kingdom of God, becomes our own hymn of praise. We stand with the angels before the throne of God, lifting our voices as one church to glorify the one who "bids our sorrows cease." And yet, we also sing in the knowledge that the Kingdom of God is not yet fully realized. We proclaim Christ's victory as a declaration of hope that we will see Christ reign over all. We stand with the voiceless, the lame, the prisoner, and the sorrowing, and lift our song of expectation.

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 10:11-18: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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. David Coggins

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC

First Baptist Quartet:
Susan Parent, Connie Holmen, Parris Hobbs, Ray Landis
French Horn: Chloe Sodonis

Holy Is Thy Lord Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord. Holy is the Father, holy is the Son, holy is the Spirit, blessed three in one.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Good Shepherd"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 7)

#577 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* KINGSFOLD

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden, offered living water and identified himself as the light of the world.

BENEDICTION William Henry Caldwell

POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

Acclamations: Christ conquers! (Suite Médiévale) Jean Langlais

(*) 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!



Our guest artist on the French Horn this morning is Ms. Chloe Sodonis. She is a senior music major at Cedarville University and is from Knoxville, Tennessee. She will be featured in the Cedarville Brass Recital this afternoon at Cedarville University. Chloe comes highly recommended by Charley Pagnard who is longtime music professor at Cedarville and is principal trumpet with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and friend of our music director William Henry Caldwell. Let us welcome Chloe to our service this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our in-person worship! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

Please Note! We remain in a Public Health Emergency Advisory. While we are no longer requiring reservations, we do ask everyone to please cooperate with our pandemic protocols. Please wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times while indoors, use hand sanitizer, and remain socially distanced from those outside your family group when entering, seated and exiting. If a restroom visit is required, please use the downstairs rooms. You are welcome to sing during our service with your mask on.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at https://www.youtube.com/ and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (https://www.fbcdayton.org/). 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.

Week of April 25 - May 2

Sun. 25		
		No BYF Gathering
	5:00p	Adult Sunday School via Zoom
Wed. 28	2:00p	Bible Study at FBC
Thu. 29	7:30a	. Building Bridges Bible Study via Zoom
	11:00a	Funeral Service for Bob Bartlett at FBC
Sun. 2	10:00a	Worship Service with Communion
		No BYF Gathering
	5:00p	Adult Sunday School via Zoom

Education/Youth Sunday --DATE TBD—

Details will be forthcoming on this year's Education/Youth Sunday when we recognize those who have served in the education ministry of our church, and celebrate those who are graduating from high schools or universities. In the meantime, **let us know if you or someone in your family will be graduating this spring** and we would be happy to include you/them in our list of graduates on Education/Youth Sunday. Contact the church office (fbc@fbcdayton.org) with the graduate's name, institution of learning, degree if applicable, and a photo if possible. Thank you!

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.

Funeral Service for Bob Bartlett Thursday, April 29 @ 11AM First Baptist Church of Dayton

Visitation at Routsong Funeral Home (2100 E. Stroop Road, Kettering) Wednesday, April 28 from 4-6PM

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

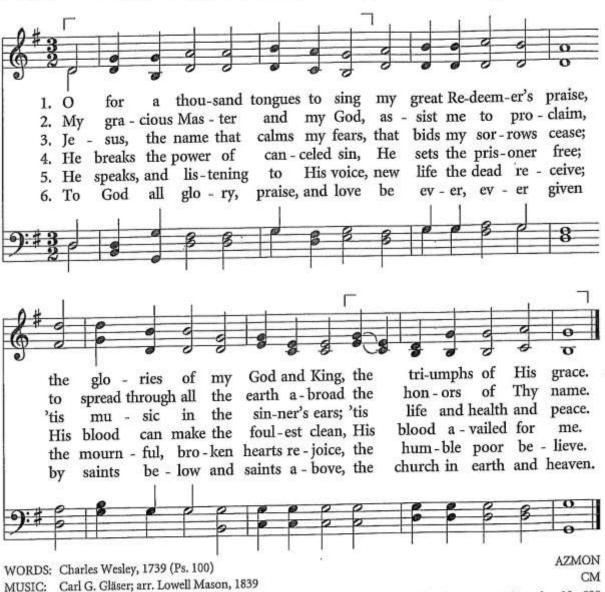
(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

OPENING HYMN

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Higher key, No. 209; lower key, No. 520

CALL TO PRAYER



HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Higher key, No. 115