The First Baptist Church at Worship Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 27, 2021 10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

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

#566 O God, Our Help In Ages Past ST. ANNE

Isaiah 41:9-10 says, "I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." No matter our situation, no matter our struggles and fears, no matter doubts, we are told to have courage, for the Lord is our God. And as Isaac Watts writes so powerfully in this hymn, our God is everlasting, and will be our help through all of our years. The first verse gives us every assurance we need: God is our help, our hope, and our home. This does not blithely dismiss our fears and troubles. They are, and always will be, very real. But it does assure us that even if we cannot feel the immediate comfort, or even when all we can do is lament, we have a God that withstands the storms of the life and the tests of time, and who protects us and hears our cries.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

William Henry Caldwell

2 Samuel 1:17-27: David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah: it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to

me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

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

People: Thanks be to God.

<u>Lamentations 3:22-26</u>: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children preK-5 are invited to come forward for the Children's Message. After the message they may go downstairs for a one-room Sunday School class. Parents are asked to pick up their child(ren) downstairs in Room 4 following the service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#385 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord WHELPTON

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &

Rev. David Coggins

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

SPECIAL MUSIC Justen Seay

Panis Angelicus Cesar Franck

Panis angelicus Fit panis hominum Dat panis coelicus Figuris terminum O res mirabilis Manducat dominum Pauper, pauper Servus et humilis

May the Bread of Angels Become bread for mankind; The Bread of Heaven puts All foreshadowings to an end; Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, the poor, the servile, and the humble.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"When the Mighty Have Fallen"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#48 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

Thomas Chisholm, the author of this hymn led a pretty ordinary life. He did not write this hymn during a period of intense grief or after encountering God in a profound way. Instead, he found truth in the words he encountered in Lamentations 3:22-23: "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Jeremiah, on the other hand, was in tumultuous circumstances when writing Lamentations. The people

to whom he prophesied did not listen, and he was ostracized and completely alone because of what God called him to do. He also lamented the consequences of their faithlessness. God allowed them to be conquered by the Babylonians, resulting in their entire world being laid to waste. But in the midst of that utter devastation, Jeremiah still offers them hope on the horizon: they are not completely destroyed because of the LORD's compassion and faithfulness, and in the morning, after this "dark night of the soul," things will be better. So whether we are at a place in our lives where everything is pretty ordinary, or whether we are in a period of grief: no matter what our circumstances, God never changes and is faithful to us, sustaining us in his compassion and faithfulness each and every day.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Wedding March from "Midsummer Night's Dream" Felix Mendelssohn

(*) 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!



The floral arrangement today is given by Anita Suro
"In memory and honor of my family, Aulton Ard, W. J. Crain, and
Jamie Reyes, who died this year as a result of the Covid virus.
Also to all families who lost loved ones this year. God bless!"

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! Wearing a mask is optional. Since children have not yet been able to get vaccinated Pastor Jason and Barbara Bogan intend to continue wearing masks along with them during their times together.

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 hold our live Zoom Gatherings on Sunday evenings 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.



The church office will be closed Monday, July 5th.

Week of June 27 – July 4

Sun. 27	10:00a	Worship Service
	5:00p	Adult Sunday School on Zoom
Mon. 28	11:30a	Neighbors Lunch
Tue. 29	6:00p	FBC Softball Game @ Rotary Park Bvrck
Wed. 30	2:00p	Bible Study @ FBC
Thu. 1	7:30a	Building Bridges Bible Study @ Goughs
Sun. 4	10:00a	Worship Service – Communion Sunday
		No Adult Sunday School

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.)

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Special Musical Guest on July 4th

On Sunday, July 4th we will welcome violinist and concert artist Mr. Aurelian Oprea as our special musical guest. Mr. Oprea is a world renowned artist that is no stranger to the Dayton area where he currently lives and serves as principle violinist with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. He has served as concert master for many outstanding performances with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and the Bach Society of Dayton. Our music director, William Henry Caldwell, has known Mr. Oprea for many years serving on the board of directors of the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, as well as the stage as a baritone soloist and conductor of the Central State University Chorus in performances at the Schuster Center and throughout the Miami Valley. We welcome him to First Baptist Church of Dayton.

Last Call! June Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

"Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty, shade from the sun, shelter from the wind, for the Compassionate One guides them, takes them to the best springs."

—Isaiah 49:10

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering began 72 years ago and is still a tangible way American Baptists provide for the human needs of our world. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you deploy resources to people in need all around the world. Through sustainable development projects, our partners provide life-giving water and other critical resources that help communities reinvent and reimagine what is possible. When water comes to a village, people are safer, healthier, and more free to pursue learning and growth opportunities. Let love flow, and share more than just water. Please give generously this month to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Special OGHS offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

First Baptist Softball Games
Tuesdays @ 6:00PM
Rotary Park, Beavercreek

Register Today!
Vacation Bible School 2021
"God's Wonderful Creation"
July 19-23 @ 9:30-Noon
PreK – 5th Grade

This summer at VBS we'll be exploring passages of Scripture that speak of God's creation. Through music, stories, activities, art and more, we will learn about the goodness of God's creation and God's love and care for us; about how creation praises and honors God; and how we are a new creation in Christ.

If you would like to help out with VBS this year, we are looking for adults to serve as group leaders and to help out with snack preparation. You can also help us decorate our VBS spaces at First Baptist on Saturday, July 10th at 10am.

Registration materials are now available online at www.fbcdayton.org and on the table by the church office. We will be engaging in COVID-safe practices (masking, hand-washing/disinfecting, physical distancing) throughout the week. And in order to prepare accordingly we have set a registration deadline of July 1 st.

If you have questions and/or would like to help out please speak with Ray Landis (chair of Christian Education) or Pastor Jason Alspaugh (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org).

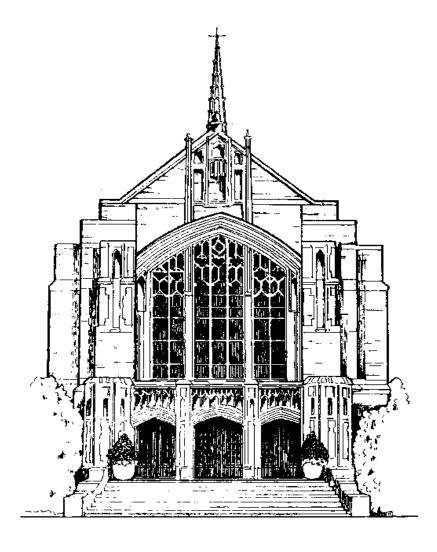
Rebuilding Together Dayton Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Elderly homeowners often have trouble keeping up their yards and need assistance with jobs such as painting, pulling weeds, mowing and mulching flower beds. Serving in this way helps homeowners age in place safely! We are looking for volunteer groups to join us in serving Dayton homeowners this summer! If you have an interest in forming a group to join us, please email <u>info@rtdayton.org</u> for more information.

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JUNE 27, 2021



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.

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