

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 9, 2020

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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. Jason Alspaugh

OPENING HYMN (See pg. 4)

#33 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
CWM RHONDDA

The notion of “the unknown” is not an idea we’re overly fond of. Part of us would love to know how the future plays out - what to prepare for, what to let go because it won’t be successful anyway. C. S. Lewis alludes to this desire in *Prince Caspian*, in this conversation between Lucy and Aslan. “Please, Aslan!” said Lucy, “am I not to know?” “To know what would have happened, child?” said Aslan. “No, nobody is ever told that.” “Oh dear,” said Lucy. Not knowing what the future holds brings a certain uneasiness to our lives. And yet, in a strange kind of way, there is comfort in the fact as well. Whatever happens to our loved ones or us is out of our hands; we simply couldn’t know anything about it if we tried. There is a common phrase: “Let go, and let God.” In this hymn by William Williams, we are given the words to express our prayer that God would guide us as we walk through a life of unknowns. At the end of her conversation with Aslan, Lucy, her head previously buried into Aslan’s mane, suddenly sits up and says, “I’m sorry, Aslan...I’m ready now.” Let us pray that we are always ready to go with God wherever He takes us, songs of praises ever on our lips.

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

William Henry Caldwell

**Romans 10:5-15:** Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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. 5)

#399 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*  
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. David Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC

William Henry Caldwell, soloist

If I Can Help Somebody ..... A. Bazel Androzzo

*If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song,  
if I can show somebody he is traveling wrong, then my living shall not be in vain.  
If I can do my duty as a good man ought, if I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought,  
if I can spread love's message that the Master taught, then my living shall not be in vain.  
Then my living shall not be in vain, then my living shall not be in vain.  
If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*"The Word for All of Us"*

## Responding to God

HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 6)

#425 *How Firm a Foundation*  
FOUNDATION

*How Firm A Foundation* is a hymn that for over two centuries has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. The first verse acts almost as an introduction to the rest of the text, giving us cause to stop and ponder the Word of assurance that God has given us, described in greater detail in the next four verses. Those four verses are in fact paraphrases of Scripture passages: Isaiah 41:10, 43:2, Romans 8:3-39, Hebrews 13:5, and Deuteronomy 31:6. In the words of this hymn then, we carry with us the Word from God, and the call to trust in that Word. But God's Word is expansive and not limited to letters on a page - the fifth verse moves us to a trust in the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Thus we are assured by the words we sing, the Word we are given, and the Word made flesh, of the steadfastness of God and His unfailing love.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Coggins

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Improvisation on "Cwm Rhondda" ..... Paul Manz



**Please Note!**

First Baptist Church of Dayton continues its suspension of worship services. While we had hoped to restart live worship, new circumstances suggested that postponing would be prudent, and out of an abundance of caution we have postponed. This week we are again providing a pre-recorded worship service available on our website, and a live Zoom gathering on Sunday morning at 11:00 AM. We hope to return to live, socially distanced worship when the time is right, which hopefully will mean a reduction of active coronavirus cases in our area and the absence of exposure to active cases by anyone who is an active participant in our services. Continue to monitor your email or our Facebook group for news about the possible resumption of services. And please continue to reach out to one another by phone, social media, and especially through prayer and service in whatever ways you can. --Pastor Kent

**You are welcome to share your photo(s) in the Courier newsletter of your family enjoying summer. Please send to [lindablair@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:lindablair@fbcd Dayton.org) along with a brief description of your photo. Thank you!**

**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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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sharon Appelt       | Lavanda Ferguson    | Susan Reichard                    |
| Rebecca Bauer       | Ken Gordon          | Judy See                          |
| Dan Bellavia        | Bev Harrell         | Judy Smith                        |
| Marlen Berghuis     | Linda Haskin        | Helen Sutton                      |
| Jessica Blair       | Barbara Jett        | Emily Taylor                      |
| Don Brown           | Judy Kelly          | Torrey Thrash                     |
| Jessica Brown       | Lenore Kimbrough    | Ginger Tiffner                    |
| Robert Brown        | Doris Landis        | Anne Veghte                       |
| Lynn Chadbourne     | Anna Frances Lasley | Sara Vice                         |
| Tami Malone Charles | Vincent Liss        | Peggie Worthey                    |
| Andy Collier        | Tim Meador          | <b>Healthcare Workers</b>         |
| Marilyn Craig       | Arthur Merkle       | <b>Police &amp; Fire Fighters</b> |
| Pamela Cress        | Melissa Mikesell    | <b>Military Duty:</b>             |
| Florida Dixon       | Lois Miles          | Sebastian Ewald                   |
| Jim Earnest         | Mary Ann Paloncy    | Brittany Kalbfleisch              |
| Neil Earnest        | Ron Pipenger        | Andy Wilson                       |

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

OPENING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side: bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent,

hold me with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
 be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; trans. st. 1, Peter Williams, 1771  
 (Ex. 13:21-22; 16:11-17; 17:1-7)  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA  
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 Higher key, No. 37

CALL TO PRAYER

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

399



1. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me.  
2. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.



WORDS: Taizé Community, 1982

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose

is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
 my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said,  
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
 upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.  
 and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.  
 thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.  
 I'll never, no, never, no, never for sake!"

WORDS: John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Isa. 43:1-2)  
 MUSIC: Joseph Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

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