

The First Baptist Church at Worship
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2020

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

"Cantilena" Josef Rheinberger

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. 4)

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

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture. This hymn has been used for worship in congregations around the globe and across denominational lines. It was also incorporated in two of the most televised services from the United Kingdom, the funeral of Princess Diana of Wales and the royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton.

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

William Henry Caldwell

Romans 14:1-12: Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

**Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be; make me a servant today.**

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

Rev. David Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC

First Baptist Quartet
Tia Toles-Seay, Sara Vice, Parris Hobbs, William Caldwell

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You Jay Althouse

*Lord I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where then shall I go?
Oh, Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from you above.
Lord, I ask you give me faith, and help me understand.
And Lord when I this life shall leave, just old me in your hand.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“Authentic Liberty”

Responding to God

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 6)

#601 *O How I Love Jesus*
O HOW I LOVE JESUS

We do not often think about what a mere name can mean. There is the literal meaning of the word, often in another language, of which there are several examples in the Bible, such as Jesus: “... you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” “Jesus” comes from the Hebrew for “The Lord Saves.” Another meaning of a name is the things that are mentally connected to the name. This hymn focuses on the things associated with Jesus' name – God's love, guidance, and comfort.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Improvisation on “Cwm Rhondda” Paul Manz

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



Please Note!

As we adjust our services to try to keep people safe, socially distanced, and spending less time together, please take seriously the need to mitigate our risks as much as we can. Read the guidelines created by our Trustees and Health Committee, and follow them. 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 or 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. After the livestream the video should remain there, and we also intend to put the recording on our church's website by Sunday afternoon (<http://www.fbcdayton.org/>).

We will hold our live Zoom Gathering Sunday evening at 6:30 PM. This week Pastor Kent will continue leading the conversation on "The Romans Road: The New Perspective on Paul." Anyone is welcome to join us through any of these venues as we try to reach people in safe and meaningful ways.

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.)

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton

Today, Sept. 13 from 3-5pm via Zoom

RECLAIMING FAITH: Morality in America (#3 of 4)

"Opening Our Eyes to World Suffering"

Questioning ourselves, then hearing of those suffering in Syria, Korea, Palestine ...
and from hunger worldwide. Join us!

Zoom Meeting ID: 989 1923 6099

Password: WrldSuf



OPENING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

33

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
 8.7.8.7.8.7

Higher key, No. 37

CALL TO PRAYER

Make Me a Servant

652

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al-ways be: make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to - day.'

WORDS: Kelly Willard, 1982

MUSIC: Kelly Willard, 1982

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SERVANT

Irregular

HYMN OF RESPONSE

O How I Love Jesus

601

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
3. It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe;

it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.
it tells me of His pre-cious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.
who in each sor-row bears a part that none can bear be-low.

O how I love Je-sus, O how I love Je-sus,

O how I love Je-sus, be-cause He first loved me!

WORDS: Frederick Whitfield, 1855
MUSIC: American melody, 19th cent.

O HOW I LOVE JESUS
CM with refrain