

THE PRELUDE

The First Baptist Church at Worship FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT March 26, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Variation on "Wondrous Love" Samuel Barber

Two Stations from *The Way of the Cross*: "Jesus Comforts the Women of Jerusalem" and "Jesus Meets His Blessed Mother" Marcel Dupré

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

Lift Up Your Heads TRURO (#173)

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The hymn was inspired in 1886 when the composer of the music, Daniel B. Towner (1850-1919), was the music leader during one of Dwight L. Moody's famous revivals. Towner provided the following account cited by Moody's musical partner, Ira D. Sankey, in his biography, *My Life and the Story of the Gospel Hymns:* "Mr. Moody was conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts, and I had the pleasure of singing for him there. One night a young man rose in a testimony meeting and said, 'I am not quite sure—but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.' I just jotted that sentence down, and sent it with a little story to the Rev. J. H. Sammis, a Presbyterian minister. He wrote the hymn, and the tune was born."

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

#509 *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY

Linda Ginter-Brown

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People:** Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Linda Ginter-Brown

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

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*GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:32-45

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#612 Jesus Is All the World to Me ELIZABETH Jesus Is All the World to All Me was first published in the New Century Hymnal. William Thompson, a native of Ohio and New England Conservatory of Music graduate wrote this hymn on a trip to Europe in 1909. He fell ill and died a few weeks after returning to the United States. This song shows total reliance on the Lord Jesus Christ. Through sadness or happiness, Jesus is still all the world to the Christian.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See last page)

O blessed Savior, grant us peaceas we come before thy face.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

I Will Arise Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above, praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love. *Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,* streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

THE SERMON

"Coming Back to Life"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

SOLID ROCK

As Edward Mote was walking to work one day in 1834, the thought popped into his head to write a hymn on the "Gracious Experience of a Christian." As he walked up the road, he had the chorus, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." By the end of the day, he had the first four verses written out and safely tucked away in his pocket. Later that week, he visited his friend whose wife was very ill, and as they couldn't find a hymnal to sing from, he dug up his newly written verses and sang those with the couple. The wife enjoyed them so much she asked for a copy, and Mote went home to finish the last two verses and sent it off to a publisher, saying, "As these verses so met the dying woman's case, my attention to them was the more arrested, and I had a thousand printed for distribution." Almost two centuries later, we continue to sing these words of hope and assurance, our declaration that in the midst of all trials and storms, we will cling to the rock that is our Savior.

O Blessed Savior Gordon Young

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Chancel Choir

#590 The Solid Rock

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Rev. Coggins

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Lord, Make Me More Holy arr. Eric Oliver

Lord make me more holy, until we meet again, holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Rigaudon Jean Baptiste Lully

(*) 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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service! 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.

COVID-19 Update: Montgomery County is in the "Low" COVID-19 Community Level. Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, including recommended booster doses. Maintain ventilation improvements. Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. For more information see <u>www.cdc.gov</u>.

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

Week of March 26 – April 2

Sun. 26		Worship Service (5 th Sunday in Lent)
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	11:30a	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 30	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 2	10:00a	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	11:15a	Palm Sunday Luncheon (RSVP!)
		(No Sunday School Classes)

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.)				
Elizabeth Ard	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See				
Bartlett Family	Bev & Bill Harrell	Judy Smith				
Bayless Family	Barbara Jett	Chas Snyder				
Jessica Blair	Ray Landis	Kaye Suryk				
Don Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Taylor Family				
Gerald Busch	Lasley Family	Anne Veghte				
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Gene & Mary K Lee	Amy Wadham				
Tami Malone Charles	Steve Liss	Kay Wingham				
Cowden Family	Vincent Liss	Military Duty:				
Pamela Cress	Tom McKenzie	Sebastian Ewald				
Florida Dixon	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald				
Brett Domescik	John & Shirley Nash	Brittany Kalbfleisch				
Jim Earnest	Mary Ann Paloncy	Kyle Kline				
Neil Earnest	Peacock Family	Will Radachi				
Tim Earnest	Lane & Marcia Riffey	Andy Wilson				
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)						

Ordination Recognition Service

An Ordination Recognition Service for Jeff Perkins is being held today, March 26, at 4 pm at the University Baptist Church in Bloomington, IN, with a reception following. You are invited to support Jeff in this step on his ministry journey, whether in person or in Spirit!

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2023 MARCH OFFERING

"From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:16-17

Through your generous support, you become the hands and feet of Jesus, serving those in need throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico with transformational ministries of ABHMS. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS "Loss, Grief, and Lent" Last Class on March 26 @ 11:30am-12:15pm "Rebirth" – Ephesians 5:8-14

CARRY-IN

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Main dish provided by the Deacons A-L bring desserts M-Z bring side dishes

Reservations needed by Sunday, March 26.

Jail Ministry

Rev. Don Brown is seeking donations of soft-back Bibles and reading glasses (any strength) for the jail ministry. After a hiatus of nearly three years due to COVID, the visitation ministry of volunteer chaplains is beginning again.





Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Join us at the Dayton Dragons game on Friday, May 19 at 7:00pm! The Board of Christian Education is sponsoring this event. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased from Janet Landis starting on Sunday, April 2. We have reserved seating for 30 in Section 105. Cash or check, and please denote 'Dayton Dragons' on check.

Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace Soup Volunteers Needed!



On April 7th there will be a Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace through Downtown Dayton from 12-2pm. This is an ecumenical witness for justice and peace issues based on the Stations of the Cross. The walk begins at Courthouse Square (Third & Main) and ends at First Baptist Church. Rain or shine, come for all or part. Following the Walk, First Baptist will invite participants to enter the church and into Fellowship Hall where there will be soup and water prepared for them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board asking for donations of soup and/or help in other ways.

RTD Safety Kit Drive

March 27 thru April 10

Rebuilding Together Dayton (RTD) will be collecting supplies for their Safety Kit Drive to be held March 27 thru April 10. Designated drop-off locations are DayAir Credit Union branches in Kettering, Vandalia/Butler, Centerville, Beavercreek, and West Dayton. First Baptist Church is also accepting donations and there is a container available in fellowship hall for your donations. A list of suggested donations is available on the table by the church office.



Rebuilding Together National Workday Saturday, April 29 from 8:30am–4:30pm Stay for all or part of the day!

First Baptist volunteers will be paired with House Captain Pete Certo's project at 514 Smith Street, Dayton 45417. (Pete is a RTD Board Member.) Specific project details will be communicated from your House Captain Pete and FBC Volunteer Coordinator Tim Holmen. Please plan to report directly to your assigned house location at 8:30am on April 29. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. Stay for all or part of the workday. Volunteers are asked to sign up at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/2p89rj6s</u>

Heritage Committee: Call for Volunteers

The Heritage Committee is gearing up for the church's big Bicentennial Year in 2024. We have many projects that we could use volunteers to help on:

- 1) First is the sewing of special banners for the sanctuary. The banners have been designed by Janet Lasley but the volunteer would need to purchase materials and create the banners with a deadline of December of this year. We would love to be able to hang them for most of the church year.
- 2) Second is scanning and cataloging of the many photos that have been collected. While the originals will be eventually placed in the archives at Wright State, we need scanned versions of the pictures to use in our updated church history and to create a digital church "photo album." Guidelines for this have been developed.

Contact Donna Miles Curry (937-470-5643 or <u>donna.curry@wright.edu</u>) if you need more information or can help us out.

SAVE THE DATES! Summer Camps and Vacation Bible School 2023



Plans are "in the works" for summer camping and VBS. For now, please note the following dates in your calendars, being mindful that plans may change. If your youth(s) (grades 6-12) would like to go to an away camp, Quest and/or BYC, please let Pastor Jason know ASAP (if you've not already done so). And if you'd like to help out in some way with VBS, please be in contact with him or Janet Landis (Board of Christian Ed. chair). Here are the dates to keep in mind:

Quest Camp in Green Lake, WI (6-12 graders) – June 18-23, 2023 Baptist Youth Camp in Laurel Springs, NC (6-12 graders) – July 2-7, 2023 Vacation Bible School @ FBC Dayton (preK-5 graders) – July 17-21, 2023 (9:30am-Noon)

Alternatives to Violence Project / Ohio

Upcoming Workshops

For over 40 years AVP has trained thousands of youth and adults in conflict transformation skills for responding to anger, conflict, violence, and trauma that is encountered in families, groups, organizations, schools, prisons and communities, by individuals, leaders, students, veterans, inmates and other citizens. AVP facilitates small group workshops, using power talks, interactive exercises, team building, active listening, role plays, games and energizers to introduce transforming power in neighborhood, ethnic, agency, business and government settings. A list/registration form for upcoming workshops is available on the table by the church office.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

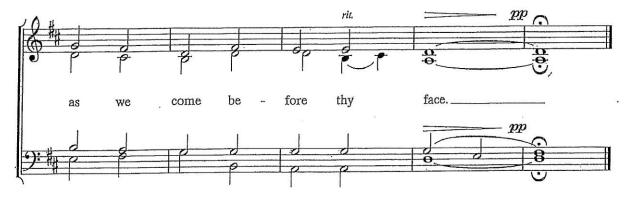
You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, April 9. A special insert on Easter Sunday will include names of donors and names of those in whose memory or honor a flower is given. A gift of \$20 is suggested. **Please turn in your order/dedication and payment by Monday, April 3.** Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church and please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.

	EASTER FLO	OWER ORDER / D (PLEASE PRINT)	EDICATION	
Your Name(s): _				
In Memory of: _				
In Honor of:				

CALL TO PRAYER

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