

# The First Baptist Church at Worship SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY / PEACE SUNDAY May 14, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE Gregory Land, Organist

#### 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

One More Day ...... Margaret Pleasant Douroux

One more day, one more day, I thank God just for one more day. One more day, the Lord has made a way, I thank God just for one more day.

#### WORDS OF WELCOME & CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**#341** For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

In 1863, Folliott S. Pierpoint was wandering through the English countryside around the winding Avon River. As he looked on the peaceful beauty surrounding him, he was inspired to reflect on God's gifts to his people in creation and in the church. Above all, Pierpoint thought of the sacrifice of Christ, in the greatest of sacrifices, that of his life in return for ours. He thus originally wrote the text of "For the Beauty of the Earth" as a hymn for the Lord's Supper. The original chorus read, "Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our sacrifice of praise." The hymn was meant not only as a song of thanksgiving, but as the only thing we could give Christ in return for his mercy and love: a hymn of praise laid upon the altar as a sacrifice. Editors have since altered the refrain so it has become a more generic hymn of thanksgiving, but as it stands, it takes on a deeper meaning when understood as something we not only sing, but offer up to God.

#### Listening for the Word of God

#### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debbie Reichard-Smith, Leader

Loving God, as we hear the words of Scripture today, open our eyes to see what is beautiful, open our minds to know what is true, and open our hearts to love what is good; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-21 Debbie Reichard-Smith

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

#697 This Is My Song FINLANDIA

This ever-popular Finlandia tune by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius is familiar to most of Christendom as *Be Still My Soul*, and if you were in attendance on last Sunday you heard the text of this very solemn powerful song as our Fellowship Hymn. Today, as an international song of peace and as an additional request, we sing this familiar tune to a different text with words by Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. David Coggins

(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 pgs. 7-8)

Dwell in the House arr. Gail Jones Murphy

One thing have I desired of the Lord, one thing have I desired of the Lord, and that will I seek after, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house, dwell in the house, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord.

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Coggins

*Emily Taylor*May 5, 1931 – March 11, 2023

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

Rev. Coggins

CHORAL ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord ...... Allen W. Foster

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear unto us and grant us thy peace.

The Lord is good to all, His mercy endureth forever, amen.

Have mercy, grant us thy mercy, O Lord.

THE SERMON Rev. Alspaugh

"An Origin Story"

#### The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

**#307** All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

In the year 1225, completely blind and nearing death, St. Francis of Assisi arrived at the Convent of St. Damian to bid goodbye to his dear friend, Sister Clara, the first woman to follow the call of St. Francis and take vows of the Order. Clara built him a small reed hut in the garden of her little monastery. It's said that at times St. Francis could be heard singing faint melodies from within the hut. It was at a meal with the sisters after having stayed for some time at the monastery that he wrote his famous text, "Canticle of the Sun," later paraphrased into the beloved hymn we sing today. As we sing this hymn, we join with Christians throughout the ages and with all of Creation to sing our praises to God the Creator. Psalm 145 says, "My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever." This is our call and our invitation, and now, using the words God has given us through the voice of a Saint, we answer that invitation with a joyful "Alleluia!"

**BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL** 

Rev. Alspaugh

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** 

#521 Go with Us, Lord TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

POSTLUDE Gregory Land

Voluntary on "Like a River Glorious" ....... James Mountain setting by Ron Boud
(Lyrics - Celebrating Grace Hymnal No. 60)

(\*) 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!** 



## "Happy Mothers Day!"

#### **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. Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. For more information see <a href="https://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>.

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

#### **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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|----------------------|--|
| Ray Landis           | Chas Snyder  |
| Anna Frances Lasley  | Kaye Suryk   |
| Lasley Family        | Taylor Family  |
| Gene & Mary K Lee    | Anne Veghte  |
| Steve Liss           | Dorothy Williams   |
| Vincent Liss         | Kay Wingham  |
| Tom McKenzie         |  |
| Arthur Merkle        | Military Duty:   |
| Nash Family          | Sebastian Ewald  |
| Mary Ann Paloncy     | Sunny Ewald  |
| Susan Parent         | Brittany Kalbfleisch   |
| Brenda Proffitt      | Kyle Kline   |
| Lane & Marcia Riffey | Will Radachi   |
| Judy See             | Andy Wilson  |
| Judy Smith           |  |
|                      | Anna Frances Lasley Lasley Family Gene & Mary K Lee Steve Liss Vincent Liss Tom McKenzie Arthur Merkle Nash Family Mary Ann Paloncy Susan Parent Brenda Proffitt Lane & Marcia Riffey Judy See |

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

#### Week of May 14 – 21

| Sun. 14 | 10:00a | Worship Service – Mother's Day     |
|---------|--------|------------------------------------|
|         | 11:15a | Coffee Fellowship                  |
|         | 11:30a | . Sunday School Classes/Activities |
| Wed. 17 | 6:30p  | Executive Council Meeting          |
| Thu. 18 | 7:00p  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal            |
| Fri. 19 | 7:00p  | Dragons Ballgame                   |
| Sun. 21 | 10:00a | Worship Service                    |
|         | 11:15a | Coffee Fellowship                  |
|         | 11:30a | . Sunday School Classes/Activities |

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – MAY 2023 Faith & Story

Led by Pastor Jason Alspaugh Sundays, May 7-28 @ 11:30am-12:15pm 1<sup>st</sup> Floor - CHAPEL

In years past we have had classes on Faith & Film, using the storytelling that takes place in everyday movies to evoke conversations about matters of life and faith. During the month of May, I would like to try something a little different, and invite us to just listen to stories that have been shared through podcasts/radio such as the Moth Radio Hour that also relate to life and faith. We will listen to some select stories in our class time and then follow up with reflections and discussion. The hope is that in listening to these stories together we will discover points of empathy and be inspired to tell our own stories. On their website, THE MOTH says it "celebrates the ability of stories to honor both the diversity and commonality of human experience, and to satisfy a vital human need for connection." This kind of community building is important in the life of faith as well, and I hope you'll take this opportunity for us to connect and grow together.

#### **Executive Council Meeting**

Wednesday, May 17 @ 6:30pm

# Reminder! Dragons Ballgame Outing

Friday, May 19 @ 7pm

#### **Monthly Grief Support Group**

Third Sunday @ 11:30-12:15

We will be offering a monthly Grief Support Group. The group will be led by Pastor David and Peggy Coggins on the 3rd Sunday of the month during the Sunday School class time of 11:30-12:15. (Next date: May 21) The group will meet in the classroom next to the choir room. You are encouraged to bring your personal journals if you have one. The format of the group will be interactive dialogue with personal sharing of grief experiences, coping methods and resources for growth. It will be the determination of the group to continue through the summer months. All are welcome.

#### Founder's Sunday - May 28th

First Baptist Church will honor those who have been members of FBC for 50 years or more during our Sunday morning worship service on May 28th. Not only do we recognize them for their contributions given in the past, we are mindful that they make significant contributions to the life of the church in the present.

#### **Education Sunday – June 4th**

Each year we take time in worship to recognize those who have served in the education ministry of our church—Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School volunteers, Children's Messengers, and others. And we celebrate those who are graduating from high schools or universities.

CALL FOR GRADUATES! If you or someone in your family will be graduating this spring, we would be happy to include you/them in our list of graduates. Contact the church office (<a href="mailto:fbc@fbcdayton.org">fbc@fbcdayton.org</a>) with the graduate's name, institution of learning, and degree if applicable. Also it would be helpful to know if you/they will be present in worship on that Sunday.

First Baptist Sings!
Chancel Choir Concert
Sunday, June 4 @ 4:00pm
First Baptist Church of Dayton

The Music Department at The Historic First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio located at 111 West Monument Avenue, Dayton, Ohio will present *Sing the Season* as part of the annual **First Baptist Sing Series** on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 4 p.m. The program will feature choral favorites that were performed during the worship services throughout the year. Arrangements will include, *In Thee Is Gladness* by Alfred Whitehead, *Gloria* by Vivaldi, *Here I Am Lord*, by Mark Hayes, and a special rendition of *Amazing Grace* arranged by Rebecca Pellett for the Cincinnati Symphony and Classical Roots. The program will also feature the First Baptist Male Ensemble singing African American Spirituals and other favorites. The program will be directed by Dr. William Henry Caldwell, music director and accompanied by organists Dr. Alan Kimbrough and Mr. Gregory Land. There will be a reception following the concert in the Fellowship Hall. The concert is free and open to the public and parking is also free in the parking lot next to the church. A freewill offering will be taken in support of the First Baptist Church Organ Fund.

#### **Special Music for Summer Services**

If you would like to provide Special Music for our worship services this summer while the choir is on break, please choose a date offered on the sign-up sheet located on the hallway bulletin board. There are 2 slots open to fill. Please furnish music title/composer to Linda Blair by Wednesday of the week you are scheduled. Thank you!

#### **Kids Sunday School Teachers Needed for Summer 2023**

We are again seeking volunteers to teach our Kids One-Room Sunday School Class (preK-5) this summer (June 11-Sept. 3). There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway across from the 1st Floor restrooms. Note that there are two slots for each Sunday, as we require two adults be present in the classroom. Curriculum will be distributed to volunteers for each week, and teaching partners can decide together what parts they will lead. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Jason or Janet Landis (Christian Education chairperson). They will also be on-hand to provide resources, supplies, etc. throughout the summer.

#### Dayton Pride 2023 – United We Can June 2-3, 2023

We are once again participating in Dayton Pride on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Noon-4pm, walking in the parade (line-up is at 11am on St. Clair by the Downtown Library) and participating in the festival with a booth on Courthouse Square. We have formed an ad hoc planning team to help with our preparations, and invite you to be a part of it. This group will particularly help with figuring out what materials/handouts we will have for our booth. Just let Pastor Jason know if you'd like to help in this way (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org). We will also need folks to sign up to be at our booth for some portion of the day on June 3 to hand out materials and engage with festival-goers. This is a wonderful opportunity to share a word about God's inclusive love and our church's welcome and affirmation. Prior to the parade line-up, at 10:00am, we will be raising our pride flag out in front of the church, sharing in a short litany/blessing. All are welcome to join us for this as well. Also note that the day before, on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> there is Pride Affair on the Square at Courthouse Square from 6-10pm with festivities featuring the Rubi Girls. You're invited to show up for this time of fun as well.

**Pride T-Shirts:** We have ordered a limited number of t-shirts for Pride that will be available for \$24/each. On the front of the shirt is the word "Beloved" in rainbow coloring, and the name of our church is on the back. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt, please contact Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org).

#### **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.

Mark Your Calendar
Vacation Bible School

July 17-21, 2023 @ 9:30-Noon PreK - 5th Grade

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## Dwell in the House

I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells.

Psalm 26:7



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