



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 ASCENSION SUNDAY
 May 21, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Suite from *Henry V* William Walton
 Suite for Organ John Stanley

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.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP & CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--his name is the LORD-- be exultant before him.

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.
 Blessed be God!

(Psalm 68:4-10, 34-35)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#58 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
 ST. DENIO

This hymn was originally published under this Scripture: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." After paraphrasing this verse in the first stanza, the author goes on to elaborate on the themes of light, immortality, and glory in the following stanzas.

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Nancy Kerr

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:6-14

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#217 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
HYMN TO JOY

Revelation 5:9 describes this eschatological scene of joy and glory: "And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God members of every tribe and language and nation.'" This hymn is a declaration of Jesus' victory over death, and his continued presence among his people. When a friend moves away or leaves us for a long time, our first response is to feel sad and lonely. In this hymn, however, the author reminds us that though Christ physically left earth in the ascension, he does not leave us "as orphans", but rather remains with us always, all the while interceding for us to the Father. And so we raise our voices to cry "Alleluia!" to the ascended, yet ever-present Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(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. 8-9)

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.**

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

Rev. David Coggins

CHORAL ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

I Want God's Heaven to Be Mine Betty Jackson King

*Oh, I want God's heaven to be mine, save me Lord, save me.
I hailed to my mother, and my mother hailed to me,
and the last word I heard her say, she said save me Lord.
I hailed to my father, and my father hailed to me,
and the last word I heard him say, he said save me Lord.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"On Mission with God"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 10)

I'll Fly Away
AEB WONDERFUL MESSAGE

I'll Fly Away is a hymn written in 1929 by Albert E. Brumley and published in 1932 by the Hartford Music company in a collection titled *Wonderful Message*. It has been called the most recorded gospel song, and it is frequently used in worship services by Baptists, Pentecostals, Nazarenes, the Churches of Christ and many Methodists. It appears in many hymnals where it is listed under the topics of eternal life, heaven and acceptance.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

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

R. Alan Kimbrough

Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley

(*) 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!



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.

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 (<http://www.fbccdayton.org/>).

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	Ray Landis	Chas Snyder
Jessica Blair	Anna Frances Lasley	Kaye Suryk
Don Brown	Lasley Family	Taylor Family
Rob Brown	Gene & Mary K Lee	Anne Veghte
Gerald Busch	Steve Liss	Dorothy Williams
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Vincent Liss	
Pamela Cress	Tom McKenzie	
Florida Dixon	Arthur Merkle	Military Duty:
David Donovan	Nash Family	Sebastian Ewald
Jim Earnest	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Neil Earnest	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Tim Earnest	Brenda Proffitt	Kyle Kline
Bev & Bill Harrell	Lane & Marcia Riffey	Will Radachi
Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See	Andy Wilson
Barbara Jett	Judy Smith	

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of May 21 – 28

Sun. 21	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
Wed. 24	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
Thu. 25	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 28	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Founder's Sunday
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – MAY 2023

Faith & Story

Led by Pastor Jason Alspaugh

Sundays, May 7-28 @ 11:30am-12:15pm in the 1st 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.

Monthly Grief Support Group

Sunday, May 21 @ 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.

INTERFAITH FORUM OF GREATER DAYTON

Essence of Prayer from Faith Perspectives

Sunday, May 21 @ 3:30pm

Sikh Society of Dayton

(2320 Harshman Rd, Huber Heights 45424)

(Prior 2023 programs were *Essence of Forgiveness*, Dayton Mercy Society,
and *Essence of Peace*, Hindu Temple of Dayton.

Upcoming July 30: *Essence of Compassion* at First Baptist Church of Dayton)

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.

Memorial Day Holiday

The church office will be closed Monday, May 29.

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 (fbc@fbcd Dayton.org) 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 *The Best of 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 church parking lot. 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. **Just one slot 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.

AMERICAN BAPTIST JUNE OFFERING

One Great Hour of Sharing: It's Time to Share

"So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up..." – Galatians 6:9

In Galatians, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to generously help and care for others. Though there is great need in the world and we can grow weary because we do not know how to help, God's Spirit energizes and re-energizes us in every season. We can make a difference. We do make a difference. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or crisis around the world. The need has never been greater. The opportunity is now. **It's time to share.**

Dayton Pride 2023 – United We Can

June 2-3, 2023

June is Pride Month, and we are once again participating in Dayton Pride on Saturday, June 3rd, walking in the parade and participating in the festival with a booth on Courthouse Square. Here is a schedule of events kicking off this month of celebrations:

Friday, June 2 @ 6-10pm – Affair on the Square with festivities featuring the Rubi Girls.

Saturday, June 3 – Dayton Pride Parade & Festival

10am – Blessing & Raising the Pride Flag at FBC Dayton

10:30am – Set-up our booth at Courthouse Square

11:00am – Lining up for the Parade on St. Clair St. by the Library

Noon – Parade steps off and heads to Courthouse Square

Noon-4pm – Festival at Courthouse Square

As a church group we are celebrating and promoting a theme of “Beloved,” sharing the message that God loves us all, LGBTQIA+ folks included. In addition to those walking in the parade with our church, we will need people 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, and we are seeking donations of baked goods to hand out. There are sign-up sheets for these things in the Fellowship Hall. You can also contact Pastor Jason if you’d like to help out (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org). And if you forget to sign up or send an email, just show up! We’d love to have you!

Pride T-Shirts! – We have ordered a limited number of T-shirts for Pride this year that are heather gray and say “Beloved” in rainbow lettering on the front, and have our church’s name on the back. They are \$24/each, and payment can just be made to the church, noting it’s for “Pride T-shirt”. You can email Pastor Jason to reserve a T-shirt (note your size), and we’ll have them soon for sale and pickup during Coffee Fellowship (Note: If money is tight, just let Pastor Jason know. If you want a shirt, we’ll make sure you get a shirt 😊).



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FBC SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, June 25 @ Oak Grove Park in Centerville

After church thru 5pm

Main dish & beverages provided --- Bring sides and desserts

GAMES – FISHING - PLAYGROUND

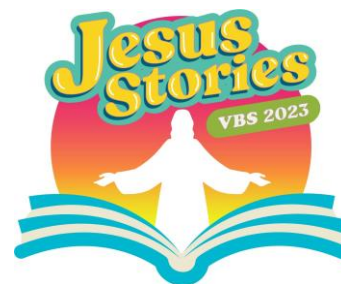
VBS 2023 – Jesus Stories

July 17-21 @ 9:30am-Noon

PreK – 5th Grade

The Board of Christian Education (CE) and Pastor Jason are looking forward to offering another week of Vacation Bible School for kids in our church and community this summer on July 17-21. This year’s theme will be “Jesus Stories,” and each day we will explore stories about Jesus and stories (parables) by Jesus. If you’d like to be a part of our VBS planning and/or leadership team, there are still plenty of opportunities to do so. We will need volunteers to:

- Design and decorate our VBS spaces ahead of time
- Register and welcome kids each morning
- Help lead opening and closing music with the kids (children & youth are invited to help here, too)
- Lead our kids around to the various stations during VBS (assisting with crafts, etc.)
- Serve as story-tellers
- Help plan and lead games with the kids



There are lots of ways to be involved. If you’re interested in helping out, please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org) or Janet Landis, chair of Christian Education.

CALL TO PRAYER

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Dwell in the House

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

Psalms 26:7

One thing have I de-sired of the Lord, one thing

The first system of musical notation for the song. It features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

have I de-sired of the Lord, and

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment features a more active right hand with sixteenth-note patterns in the latter half of the system.

that will I seek af - ter, that will I seek af - ter:

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line concludes with a long note marked with a fermata. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with sustained chords and moving lines.

that I may dwell in the house,

This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of three flats and a 3/4 time signature. It features a triplet of eighth notes on the first measure. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, also with a 3/4 time signature, featuring a triplet of eighth notes on the first measure. The lyrics "that I may dwell in the house," are written below the vocal line.

dwell in the house, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord.

unis.

unis.

This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, continuing the melody with a triplet of eighth notes and a fermata over the final note. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, also with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics "dwell in the house, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord." are written below the vocal line. The word "unis." appears above and below the final measure of the vocal line.

1. 2.

One thing

This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, starting with a first ending bracket labeled "1." and a second ending bracket labeled "2.". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics "One thing" are written below the vocal line.

Text: Psalm 27:4; Gale Jones Murphy, b.1954
Tune: Gale Jones Murphy, b.1954
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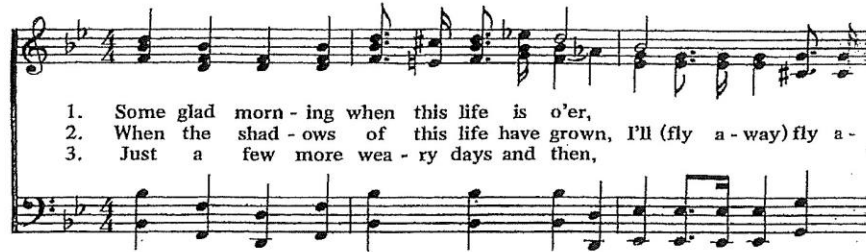
HYMN OF RESPONSE

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I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley
Arr. by L. M. Bowler
and Theo R. Frye

A. E. B.



1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er,
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll (fly a - way) fly a -
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then,



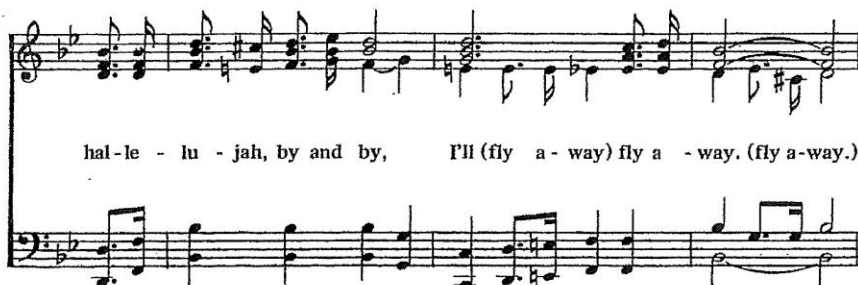
way (fly a - way) To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown,
To a land where joys shall nev - er end,



3 Refrain
I'll (fly a - way) fly a - way (fly a - way), I'll (fly a - way) fly a -



way, oh, glo - ry, I'll (fly a - way) fly a - way (in the morn - ing). When I die,



hal - le - lu - jah, by and by, I'll (fly a - way) fly a - way. (fly a - way.)