



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 June 25, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Beloved Traditional Wedding Music

- Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clark
 (The Prince of Denmark’s March)
- Clair de Lune Claude Debussy
- Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring J. S. Bach
- Bridal Chorus (Lohengrin) Richard Wagner
- Liebesträum Franz Liszt

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.

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

(Psalm 86:1-10)

*OPENING HYMN

#48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
 FAITHFULNESS

Overall, the message of the song points to the amazing faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. He has been, is, and always will be compassionate and unchanging. In every season, in every aspect of creation, we can bear witness to his everlasting faithfulness.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 21:8-21

Jaimee Ryan

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with

her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."

The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:26-30

Rev. David Coggins

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#404 *I Need Thee Every Hour*
NEED

When this hymn was first published in 1873, this Bible verse was included underneath the title: "Without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5 KJV). Each of the first four stanzas of this hymn dwells on a different facet of our dependence on God: our need for His peace, our inability to resist temptation alone, our need to find true meaning in life, and our desire to see God's promises fulfilled. The fifth stanza is an intense plea for God's presence.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ray Landis

(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

#412 v.1 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
SWEET HOUR

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

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

Rev. Coggins

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ray Landis, Bass

Through the Darkness Rossini

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“God of the Outcasts”

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#497 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
ASSAM

The lyrics of this powerful hymn are based on the last words of a missionary in Garo, Assam. Many years ago, there was a great revival in Wales. As a result of this, many missionaries sojourned to northeast India to spread the Gospel. The region known as Assam was comprised of hundreds of tribes who were primitive and aggressive headhunters. Into these hostile and aggressive communities, came a group of missionaries from the American Baptist Missions spreading the message of love, peace and hope in Jesus Christ. Naturally, they were not welcomed. One missionary succeeded in converting a man, his wife, and two children. This man's faith proved contagious and many villagers began to accept Christianity. Angry, the village chief summoned all the villagers. He then called the family who had first converted to renounce their faith in public or face execution. Moved by the Holy Spirit, the man said: "I have decided to follow Jesus." Enraged at the refusal of the man, the chief ordered his archers to arrow down the two children. As both boys lay twitching on the floor, the chief asked, "Will you deny your faith? You have lost both your children. You will lose your wife too." But the man replied: "Though no one joins me, still I will follow."

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#523 *God Be with You*
William G. Tomer

**God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!**

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Wedding March (Midsummer Night's Dream) Felix Mendelssohn

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of June 25 – July 2

Sun. 25	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Leave for the Church Picnic
Wed. 28	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
Sun. 2	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship

Church Picnic Today!

Sunday, June 25 – After church until 5pm

Oak Grove Park in Centerville

1790 East Social Row, Centerville 45458 (Rt. 48 South to Social Row, turn left)

AMERICAN BAPTIST JUNE OFFERING

Don't Forget to Give to the 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

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:

- Help sorting pictures and materials for archiving. We need people who are likely to know the names of the folks in pictures. Stay tuned for some specific workdays coming up in August.
- Second is scanning and cataloguing 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.
- If you already have some digitized photos that are ideally labeled with date, event and names of people if possible, can you send to Donna.

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

And stay tuned... we hope to have a master list of dates to be saved for all the events planned for the Bicentennial Year celebration. For now, **SAVE THE DATE—Memorial Day weekend, Sunday May 26, 2024—Founders Day Service and Banquet.**



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.

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 offering another week of Vacation Bible School for kids in our church at 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 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. **VBS registration forms are available on the table by the church office door.**