



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 July 9, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist
 Jerome Stueart, Soloist

Elevation (Tierce en taille) François Couperin le Grand
 Three Antiphons on verses from the Song of Solomon Marcel Dupré
 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (Prayer of St. Francis) Sebastian Temple

*Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
 Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
 Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.
 Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

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 & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN

#281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
 BEECHER

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" is a hymn written by Charles Wesley with a theme of "Christian perfection." While the hymn is one of Wesley's best known, it is also considered a prayer. In the prayer of the hymn, we are asking Jesus to enter our hearts, set our hearts free from sin, and make us a new creation in him.

ABC MISSION SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Ted Greenwood

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 24:42-49, 58-67

Rev. David Coggins

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" --let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.'

So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Reagan Crowley

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#507 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Miles Mark Fisher, in *Negro Slave Songs in the United States*, writes that this African American spiritual could have been written in Virginia in the 1750s based on a story from Hanover, Virginia, 1756: "A black slave asked Presbyterian preacher William Davies, 'I come to you, sir, that you may tell me some good things concerning Jesus Christ and my duty to God, for I am resolved not to live any more as I have done...Lord [Sir], I want to be a Christian.'" What a powerful line – "I am resolved not to live any more as I have done." It is very easy for us to say as Christians that we have "arrived;" we've accepted the call, received Christ into our hearts, and are thereby "Christian." But how often do we use this as a crutch? How simple it is to justify our painful comments, our complacency in the face of injustice, and our actions done out of pride rather than humility, all because we bear the name "Christian." Today, and every day, we must dedicate ourselves to being Christian - not just claiming the name as our own - and resolve "not to live any more as we have done."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gina Greenwood

(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

#362 *I Love You, Lord*

I LOVE YOU, LORD

**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You. O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

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

Rev. Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jerome Stueart, Tenor

"The Prayer" Carole Bayer Sager / David Foster

*I pray you'll be our eyes And watch us where we go
And help us to be wise In times when we don't know
Let this be our prayer As we go our way Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe I pray we'll find your light
And hold it in our hearts When stars go out each night
Remind us where you are Let this be our prayer
When shadows fill our day Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe We ask that life be kind
And watch us from above We hope each soul will find
Another soul to love Let this be our prayer
Just like every child Needs to find a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe Need to find a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Love in the Covenant"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#425 *How Firm a Foundation*
FOUNDATION

"How Firm a Foundation" is a hymn that for over two centuries has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. The first verse acts almost as an introduction to the rest of the text, giving us cause to stop and ponder the Word of assurance that God has given us, described in greater detail in the next four verses. Those four verses are in fact paraphrases of Scripture passages: Isaiah 41:10, 43:2, Romans 8:3-39, Hebrews 13:5, and Deuteronomy 31:6. In the words of this hymn then, we carry with us the Word from God, and the call to trust in that Word. But God's Word is expansive and not limited to letters on a page - the fifth verse moves us to a trust in the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Thus we are assured by the words we sing, the Word we are given, and the Word made flesh, of the steadfastness of God and His unending love.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

BENEDICTION

Jerome Stueart, a capella solo

"Wild Mountain Thyme" Ruth Duck
Old Scottish and Northern Irish Melody

*Spirit open my heart to the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love in receiving and in giving
Spirit, open my heart*

*God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
 All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
 Spirit open my heart to the joy and pain of living
 As you love may I love in receiving and in giving
 Spirit, open my heart
 May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
 In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.
 Spirit open my heart to the joy and pain of living
 As you love may I love in receiving and in giving
 Spirit, open my heart, Spirit open my heart, Spirit, open my heart.*

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Chaconne Louis Couperin

(* 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/>).

Week of July 9 – 16

Sun. 9	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
Tue. 11	11:00a	.....	Harrell Visitation at Routsong
	1:00p	.....	Memorial Service for Bev Harrell at Routsong
Wed. 12	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
Sun. 16	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:15a	.....	Monthly Grief Support Group

Memorial Service for Bev Harrell

Tuesday, July 11 at Routsong of Kettering, 2100 E Stroop Rd
 11:00am Visitation
 1:00pm Memorial Service

In July

No Board Meetings | No Executive Council Meeting

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.)

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Presentation and Q&A After Service Today

At 11:30 in the chapel Ted and Gina Greenwood will share about their experience at the recent ABC-USA Mission Summit in Puerto Rico. Anyone is welcome to attend, listen, and ask questions about this important event in our denomination.

Monthly Grief Support Group at FBC

Next Session: Sunday, July 16 @ 11:15-12:00

Firepit Fellowship

Friday, July 21 @ 6-10pm

Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church



Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church (960 W Dorothy Lane) invites us to join them on Friday, July 21st for their monthly "Friday Firepit Fellowship." Come any time from 6-10pm. Hot dogs, brats, chips, drinks and fixings for s'mores will be provided. Bring lawn chairs, and you are welcome but not required to bring extra finger foods. Pastor Kent plans to attend, let him know if you plan to go, too.

INTERFAITH FORUM OF GREATER DAYTON

"Essence of Compassion" from Faith Perspectives

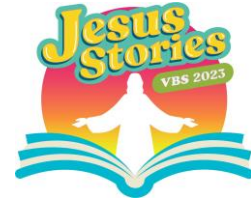
Sunday, July 30 @ 3:30-5:30PM

First Baptist Church of Dayton

Rev. Joe Henry, Presenter - Christian Tradition

(Prior 2023 programs were *Essence of Forgiveness*: Dayton Mercy Society, and *Essence of Prayer*: Sikh Gurdwara of Dayton)

VBS 2023 – Jesus Stories
July 17-21, 2023 for PreK-5th Grade
9:30am-Noon, M-Th
9:30am-12:30pm, F



Join us for a fun week of Vacation Bible School with music, story times, crafts, games and more, as we explore stories *about* Jesus and stories (parables) *by* Jesus. **Early registration is encouraged**, and the form is online at www.fbcd Dayton.org and also at the church office. 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. If you're interested in helping out, please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org) or Janet Landis, chair of Christian Education.

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