



The First Baptist Church at Worship  
 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 August 27, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist  
 Jason Holmes, Soloist

Organ Impression on "Martyrdom" ..... Benjamin M. Culli  
 Chorale Prelude on "Jesu meine Freude" ..... J. S. Bach  
 Meditation on "Stracathro" ..... W. S. Lloyd Webber

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 (In Unison)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

**How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

*(Psalm 133)*

\*OPENING HYMN

**#282** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*  
 AUSTRIAN HYMN

The opening line of this hymn quotes Psalm 87:3 "Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God" (ESV). The theme of these stanzas is the universal church, and its story. The text begins with a vision of the new city of God (Hebrews 12:22) in the first two stanzas, and then looks back to the early journey of the Israelites, with references in the third stanza to cloud, fire, and manna (Exodus 13:21, 16:31). We are reminded through this of the long history God has with His people, and of the wonderful future awaiting those who are, through grace, members of God's family.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15

Charlene Bayless

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he

has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty. And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Rev. David Coggins

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

**#295** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
NETTLETON

In 1752, a young Robert Robinson attended an evangelical meeting to heckle the believers and make fun of the proceedings. Instead, he listened in awe to the words of the great preacher George Whitefield, and in 1755, at the age of twenty, Robinson responded to the call he felt three years earlier and became a Christian. Another three years later, when preparing a sermon for his church in Norfolk, England, he penned the words that have become one of the church's most-loved hymns: "Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace." Using imagery of Christ as the giver of living water and the shepherd gathering his sheep back into the fold, this hymn reminds the worshipper of the ever bountiful grace of God. Like Robinson, we too are "prone to wander," and are quick to seek redemption through our own power. But God continues to bring us back from our wandering, until, songs of praise on our lips, we dance forever before the mount of His redeeming love.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason 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

**#510 v.1** *Lord, Here Am I*  
BECK

**Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.  
Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."**

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

Jason Holmes, Baritone

“Don’t Feel No-Ways Tired” ..... Arr. Jaqueline Hairston

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“Mercy for Us All”*

## The Response of God’s People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

**#587** *Amazing Grace*  
NEW BRITAIN

If America had a national folk hymn, this would probably be it. This well-loved and oft-sung hymn, written by John Newton in the late eighteenth century, is a powerful assurance and declaration of the grace of God working in all our lives. When Newton was just eleven, he joined his father at sea and began a tumultuous life in the Navy, eventually becoming captain of a slave ship. In a period of four years, however, his life was drastically turned around: he nearly drowned, he married a very pious Mary Catlett, and he read through Thomas à Kempis’ *Imitation of Christ*. In 1754 he gave up the slave trade and joined forces with the great abolitionist, William Wilberforce. A number of years later, he was ordained for ministry, and soon after wrote this great text, declaring that we are saved only by the grace of God. Newton wrote, “I can see no reason why the Lord singled me out for mercy...unless it was to show, by one astonishing instance, that with him 'nothing is impossible'” (Newton, *The Life of John Newton*). As we sing the very familiar words of this hymn, how powerful it is to think of ourselves as an “astonishing instance” of God’s grace and mercy.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

**#518** *May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus*  
GALILEE

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God,  
the communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.**

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Triumphant March ..... W. S. Lloyd Webber

(\*) 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.)*

Jason Alspaugh	Tim Holmen	Lane & Marcia Riffey
Elizabeth Ard	Tom Huguley	Judy See
Glen Babb	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy Smith
Jessica Blair	Greenwood Family	Joanne Stephens
Gail Bowman	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Don Brown	Ray Landis	Anne Veghte
Rob Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	West/Thomson Family
Gerald Busch	Gene & Mary K Lee	Dorothy Williams
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Vincent Liss	<b><i>Military Duty:</i></b>
Pamela Cress	Tom McKenzie	Sebastian Ewald
Florida Dixon	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald
David Donovan	Carolyn Mowry	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Mary Ann Paloncy	Kyle Kline
Luke Earnest	Susan Parent	Will Radachi
Neil Earnest	Brenda Proffitt	Andy Wilson

*Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)*

### Week of Aug. 27 – Sept. 3

Sun. 27	10:00a .....	Worship Service
	11:15a .....	Coffee Fellowship
Sun. 3	10:00a .....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a .....	Coffee Fellowship

### Thank You from the Greenwoods

*Thank you for the love, care, and concern you've shown to us over the recent weeks since Andrew's death. The cards and all the support we received during the visitation and funeral mean more to us than we can express. It's a long road and we appreciate your continued prayers. With love and gratitude...Ted and Gina*

***The church office will be closed Labor Day  
Monday, Sept. 4.***



As the summer season starts to wind down, and students and teachers return to schools, we look forward to welcoming each other back from various travels and times away. And we mark the beginning of a new season of learning with, as we resume our full schedule of Sunday school offerings and other weekday opportunities. We also keep in mind that the idea of homecoming applies to all those who may yet join with us and find a spiritual home with First Baptist. So continue to keep an eye out for those who are new to our gathering, and help them to feel welcome!

### ***Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) Returning September 10<sup>th</sup>***

Our BYF for youth in grades 6-12 is back this fall, resuming our usual schedule of meeting on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 12:15-2:30pm at the church (unless otherwise noted). So our next upcoming gatherings will be on Sundays, Sept. 10 & 24. Sharing in food, fun and fellowship, this is another great opportunity for youth to connect and grow in faith. If you'd like to host a gathering offsite, have ideas for the group, and/or would like to provide a meal for us sometime, please contact Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org)).

### **Would You Like to Join Our Church?**

We are planning for welcoming a new member by baptism in the Homecoming Worship Service on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We would love to include more people! If you would like to consider being baptized or officially joining our church, please contact one of our pastors.

### **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) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) If you already have some digitized photos that are ideally labeled with date, event and names of people if possible, you can send to Donna.

Contact Donna Miles Curry (937-470-5643 or [donna.curry@wright.edu](mailto: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**