



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 COMMUNION SUNDAY
 September 3, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

- Preludes on "Song 13" and "Rhosymedre" Ralph Vaughan Williams
- Prelude on "Schmücke dich" Johannes Brahms
- Prelude on "Down Ampney" Henry G. Ley

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

#45 *The God of Abraham Praise*
 LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise is a Christian adaptation of the well-known Jewish hymn "Yigdal" loosely translated and Christianized by the evangelist Thomas Oliver after a visit to the Great Synagogue of London in 1770. It was first published in 1772. The title of the hymn was based on a verse in the Book of Exodus: "I am the God of thy Father, the God of Abraham."

MOMENT FOR MISSION: CityHeart Fundraiser

Ted Greenwood

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15

Charlene Bayless

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of

Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:9-21

Rev. David Coggins

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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*FELLOWSHIP HYMN (See pg. 6)

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land
GO DOWN MOSES

The song discusses the liberation of the ancient Jewish people from Egyptian slavery. This story held a second meaning for enslaved African Americans, as they related their experiences under slavery to those of Moses and the Israelites who were enslaved by the pharaoh, and they resonated with the message that God will come to the aid of the persecuted. "Go Down Moses" also makes references to the Jordan River, commonly associated with reaching freedom in spirituals because such an act of running away often involved crossing one or more rivers.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. 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 pg. 7)

Learning to Lean
John Stallings

**Learning to lean, learning to lean, I'm learning to lean on Jesus.
Finding more power than I've ever seen. I'm learning to lean on Jesus.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

SPECIAL MUSIC

William Henry Caldwell, Baritone

Let Us Break Bread Together Moses Hogan

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“The God Who Is”

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE and
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Coggins

SHARING OF THE BREAD (See **pgs. 8-9**)

Vs. 1-2, Risen Lord, We Gather Round You
HOLY MANNA

SHARING OF THE CUP (See **pgs. 8-9**)

Vs. 3-4, Risen Lord, We Gather Round You
HOLY MANNA

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

**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.**

The Response of God’s People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#497 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
ASSAM

As this hymn of commitment is sung, think about what it really means to follow Jesus. When someone volunteered to follow Him, Jesus' response was “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” This seems almost brutal, but it is true. The author of this hymn was most likely a convert in India facing persecution and possibly death for this commitment. As expressed through the song, this Christian had taken to heart Jesus' warning: “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (See **pg. 10**)

Always Remember
Andraé Crouch

**Always remember Jesus, Jesus. Always remember Jesus, Jesus.
Always keep Him on your mind.**

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Pasticcio Jean Langlais

(*) 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.)

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	Military Duty:
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 Sep. 3 – 10

Sun. 3	10:00a	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
Mon. 4	Labor Day Holiday – Church Office Closed
Thu. 7	6:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal and Dinner
Sun. 10	10:00a	Worship Service – Homecoming Sunday
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:30a	Acolyte Training
	12:15p	BYF Gathering



Sunday, September 10, 2023

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 10th

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@fbccdayton.org).

Acolyte Training on September 10

Older elementary age children are invited to participate in an acolyte training session in the Sanctuary at 11:30am on Sunday, September 10. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Jason or Janet Landis.

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 10th. 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.

Congregational Meeting: "Preservation of Light" Sunday, Sept. 17

The Trustees will give a presentation on the stained glass window repair project—"Preservation of Light"—on Sunday, Sept. 17, in fellowship hall after worship service. You are encouraged to attend this important congregational meeting. *Note: Supervised movie & snack time for children and youth will be held in the chapel during the presentation.*

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) 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 of Memorial Day Weekend 2024 (Sunday, May 26, 2024) for Founders Day and Banquet!!**

FELLOWSHIP HYMN

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

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GO DOWN MOSES 8.5.8.5 with refrain

African-American spiritual
Arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989

African-American spiritual

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go!
2. "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said: Let my peo-ple go!
3. "No more shall they in bond-age toil," Let my peo-ple go!

Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go!
"If not, I'll smite your first-born dead," Let my peo-ple go!
"Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil," Let my peo-ple go!

Refrain

Go down, Mo - ses, Way down in E - gypt's land,
Mo - ses,
Go down, go down, Mo - ses,

Tell old Phar - aoh, Let my peo-ple go!

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CALL TO PRAYER

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Learning to Lean

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
Proverbs 3:5*

Chorus

Learn - ing to lean, learn - ing to lean, I'm
learn - ing to lean on Je - sus.
Find - ing more pow - er than I've ev - er seen. I'm
learn - ing to lean on Je - sus.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Learn - ing to lean, learn - ing to lean, I'm learn - ing to lean on Je - sus. Find - ing more pow - er than I've ev - er seen. I'm learn - ing to lean on Je - sus.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

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Tune: John Stallings, b.1938; arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Curinton, b.1953
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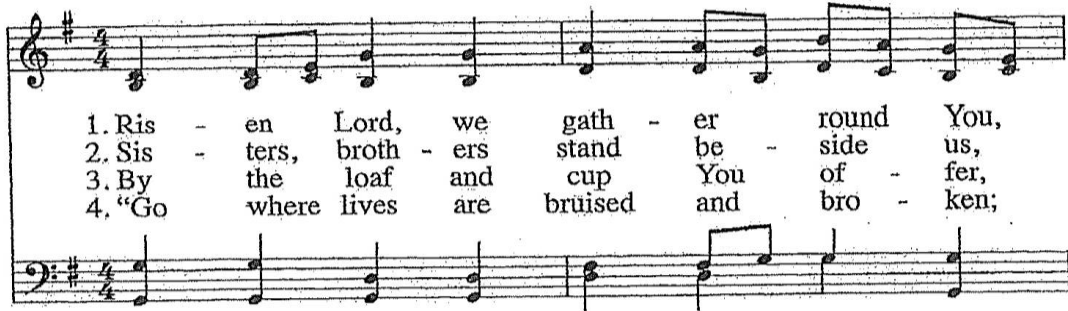
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Bread Vs. 1-2 and Cup, Vs. 3-4

665 Risen Lord, We Gather Round You

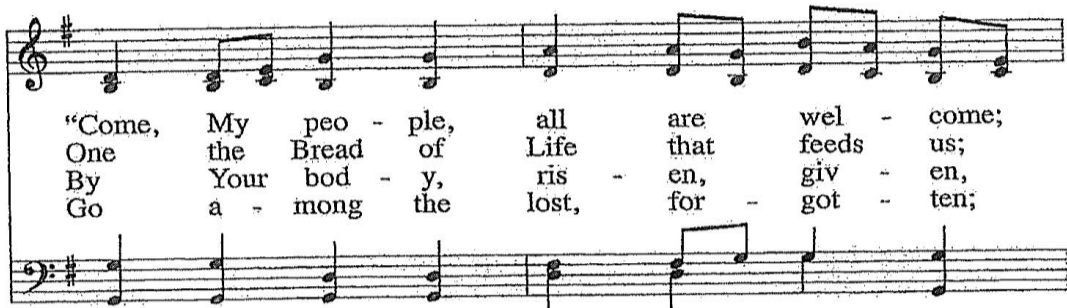
*I am the bread of life.
John 6:48*



1. Risen Lord, we gather round You,
2. Sisters, brothers stand beside us,
3. By the loaf and cup You offer,
4. 'Go where lives are bruised and broken;



Drawn by words forever new:
Called from every land and race.
Strength - en us to follow You.
Go where children waste and blight.



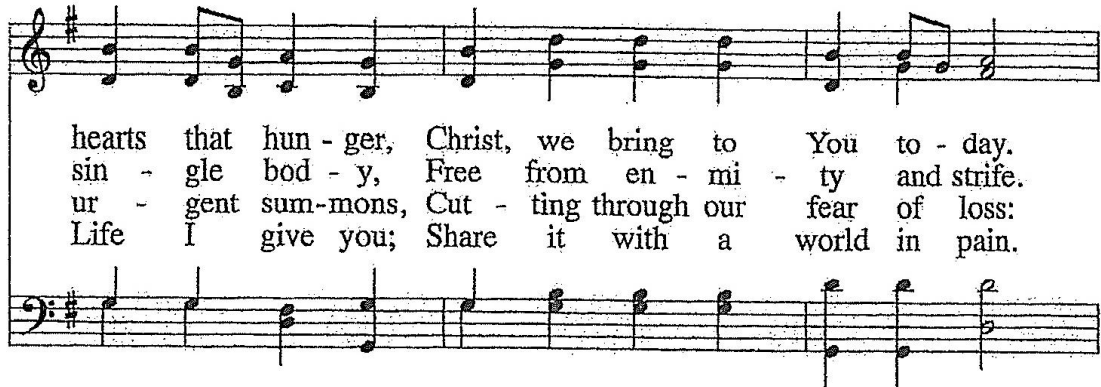
'Come, My people, all are welcome;
One the Bread of Life that feeds us;
By Your body, risen, given;
Go among the lost, forgotten;



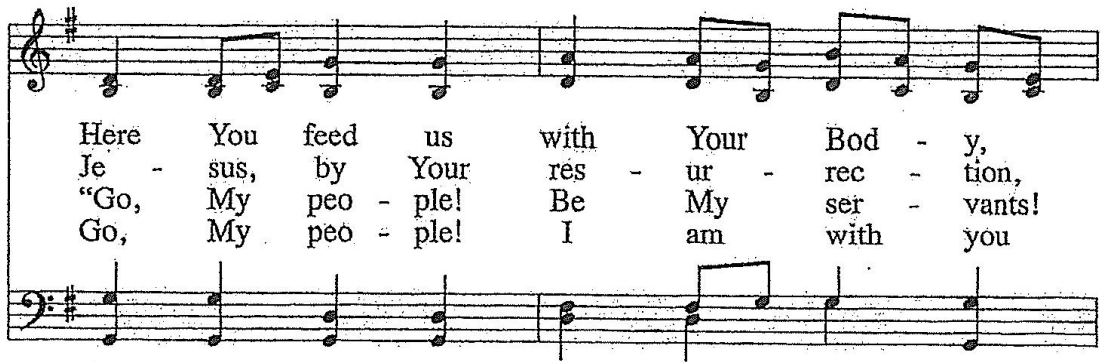
Share the feast prepared for you! Empty hands and
One the Cup of brimming grace. Form us, Lord, a
Heal us, Christ, and make us new. Help us hear Your
Be for them My healing Light! Take the Bread of

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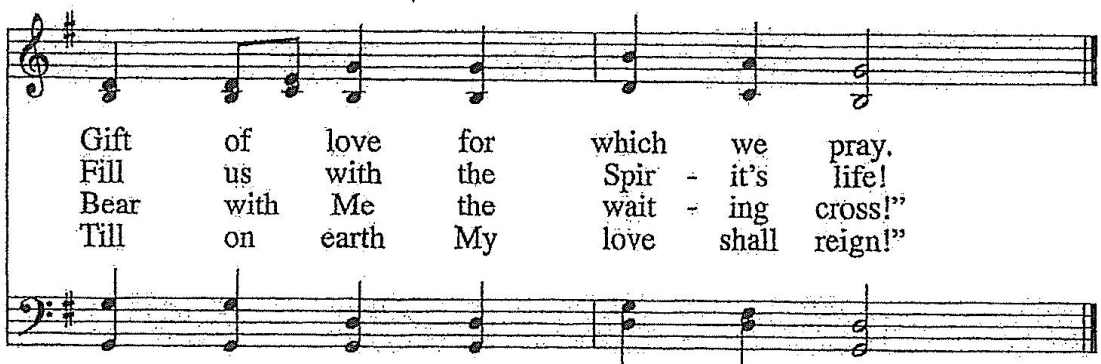
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hearts that hun - ger, Christ, we bring to You to - day.
sin - gle bod - y, Free from en - mi - ty and strife.
ur - gent sum - mons, Cut - ting through our fear of loss:
Life I give you; Share it with a world in pain.



Here You feed us with Your Bod - y,
Je - sus, by Your res - ur - rec - tion,
"Go, My peo - ple! Be My ser - vants!
Go, My peo - ple! I am with you



Gift of love for which we pray.
Fill us with the Spir - it's life!
Bear with Me the wait - ing cross!"
Till on earth My love shall reign!"

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Tune: HOLY MANNA, 8 7 8 7 D; William Moore, fl. 1830

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Always Remember

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Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel...
2 Timothy 2:8

Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, Je - sus.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, Je - sus.

The second system of music consists of two staves, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Al - ways keep Him on your mind.

The third system of music consists of two staves, concluding the piece. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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