

The First Baptist Church at Worship
17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 24, 2023

10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Three Pieces for Piano Claude Debussy

First Arabesque

Clair De Lune

La Cathedrale Engloutie

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

Bless His Holy Name
Andrae Crouch

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
He has done great things, bless His holy name*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

(Psalm 114)

*OPENING HYMN

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

John Newton, who also wrote the hymn *Amazing Grace*, wrote this hymn with the assistance of William Cowper, and the Austrian tune is by Franz Joseph Haydn who is known as the father of the symphony.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Mark Craig

Exodus 14:19-31: The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their

left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. David Coggins

Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21: Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power-- your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.' You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

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*THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#27 *Morning Has Broken*
BUNESSAN

At its core, *Morning Has Broken* is a song about new beginnings. The lyrics describe the beauty of a new day, as the sun rises and the world awakens. It's a song that celebrates the simple pleasures of life.

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 (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See back panel)

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 and

Rev. Coggins

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.**

ANTHEM

Cyerra Pemberton, Soprano
Directed by William Henry Caldwell

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Samuel Liddle

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, And the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, Even Thine alters, even Thine alters, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"When God Parts the Waters"

Responding to the Word of God

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#577 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
KINGSFOLD

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say is based on Matthew 11: 28 and was written in 1846 during what must have been an intensely stressful and painful time for Horatius Bonar the author of this hymn. His church was in conflict when this hymn was written. The tune Kingsfold is an old English folksong of uncertain origin and date. During his lifetime, Horatius Bonar never heard his own hymns sung in his own church in Edinburgh, as his was one of the Free Church congregations to oppose the introduction of hymns.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Forth From This Place
Hall Hopson

*Forth from this place O Lord, we go, thy holy will to try and do;
Give us the strength for every task, and bless us on our way.*

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Epithalame (Sortie) Healey Willan

(* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.



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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Sep. 24 – Oct. 1

Sun. 24	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering
Tue. 26	1:00p	.....	CWU Meeting (Guest Speaker Tom Lasley @ DLBC)
Wed. 27	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
Thu. 28	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 1	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

BYF Gathering Today

Sunday, Sept. 24 @ 12:15-2:30pm

First Baptist Church Women United

Don't forget the upcoming board meeting at Dorothy Lane Baptist Church **Tuesday, Sept. 26th** at 1:00 p.m. Tom Lasley will be our speaker and will update us on Learn to Earn. Let's support one of our own. On **Tuesday, October 24th** Angie Berghuis will be speaking on the National Park Service here in Dayton. Bragging rights to the person who can name all the parks!
Linda Ginter-Brown

CityHeart's 8th Annual Fundraising Event

CityHeart is an urgent needs ministry based in Christ Episcopal Church, and we support them financially and refer people to them for help. Their Annual Fundraising Event will be held Thursday, October 5, from 6-8 PM at the Presidential Banquet Center. You can come and hear stories from this important work and enjoy food and fellowship. Registration is \$30 per ticket, please register by Sep. 20 at www.daytoncityheart.org/event or speak to Ted Greenwood or Pastor Kent.

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CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

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Learning to Lean

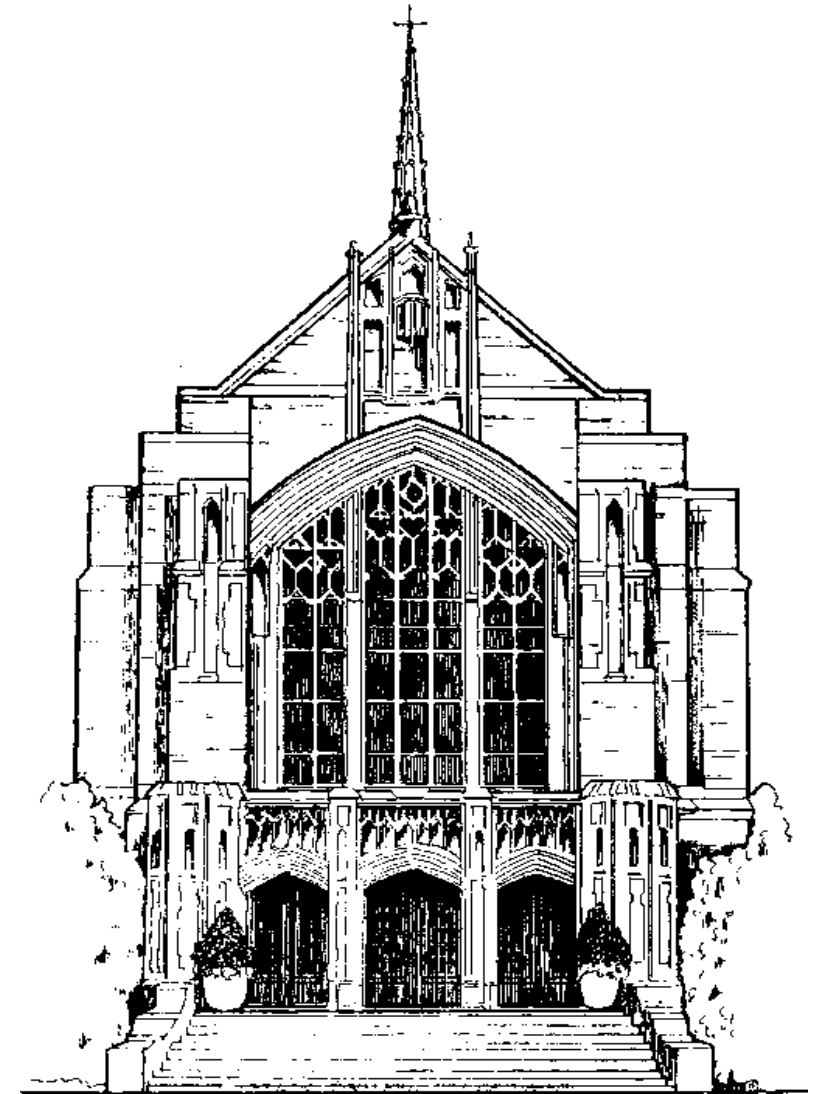
*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
Proverbs 3:5*

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.

Text: John Stallings, b.1938
Tune: John Stallings, b.1938; arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Curriton, b.1953
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Our Mission Statement:

To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.

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