

The First Baptist Church at Worship
19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 8, 2023 10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Sonata #1: Allegro moderato; Adagio Felix Mendelssohn
Prelude in G Major Felix Mendelssohn

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 God Himself Is with Us
Eugene Butler

God himself is with us; let us now adore him. Come with awe before him. Hear, O Lord, the praises that your church now raises, as we bow before you.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. David Coggins

*OPENING HYMN #425 How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation is a Christian hymn published in 1787 by John Rippon. The obvious theme of this hymn is the firm foundation that God provides to us in a turbulent world. Rippon rejoices in the fact that no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in, we can rely upon the solid foundation of the Lord to keep us calm and encouraged.

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON Ray Landis

Philippians 2:1-13: If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

*GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Matthew 21:23-27: When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.
People: Thanks be to God!

*THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN #323 How Great Thou Art
HOW GREAT THOU ART

When the author of this powerful hymn Carl Boberg and some friends were returning home to Mönsterås from Kronobäck, where they had participated in an afternoon service, a thundercloud appeared on the horizon, and soon lightning flashed across the sky. Strong winds swept over the meadows and billowing fields of grain. The thunder pealed in loud claps. Then rain came in cool fresh showers. In a little while the storm was over, and a rainbow appeared. When Boberg arrived home, he opened the window and saw the bay of Mönsterås like a mirror before him... From the woods on the other side of the bay, he heard the song of a thrush and the church bells were tolling in the quiet evening. It was this series of sights, sounds, and experiences that inspired the writing of the song.

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 (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) O, How He Loves You and Me
Kurt Kaiser

O, how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me. He gave His life, what more could He give; O, how He loves me. O, how He loves me. O, how He loves you and me. Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for all He did show; what He did there brought hope from despair; O, how He loves me. O, how He loves me. O, how He loves you and me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Rev. Dr. Berghuis
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Directed by William Henry Caldwell

Majesty Jack W. Hayford

Majesty, worship His majesty; Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus: Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings. He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord, He is Lord. He is Lord, lift up His name, the name of Jesus. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

THE SERMON Rev. Coggins

"By Whose Authority?"

Responding to the Word of God

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #637 Guide My Feet
GUIDE MY FEET

This African American spiritual is simple but powerful in its message. It is a humble prayer petitioning God to take charge of our lives and bodies and to never leave us. While running, one looks to Jesus, who endured the cross. Enslaved Africans knew shame and hostility, the lash, and the whip. In the end, they too would identify with Jesus, who had gone where they hoped to be. From a broader perspective, "Guide My Feet" provides assurance for the Christian journey.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Coggins

*CHORAL BENEDICTION God Be With You
Randolph

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 R. Alan Kimbrough

War March of the Priests Felix Mendelssohn

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

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Oct. 8 – 15

Sun. 8	9a–3p	.....	BYF @ Springfield Baptist Church
	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
Wed. 11	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Thu. 12	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 15	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

October: World Mission Offering (WMO)

World Mission Offering (WMO) gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for development costs and administrative support. As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world—when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expenses. WMO gifts support global servants with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving generously this month will help our global servants continue their important work in the world. Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks.

First Baptist Church Women United

Don't forget the next board meeting coming up on **Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1:00pm at Dorothy Lane Baptist Church** when 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

Board Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 11 @ 6:30pm

FBC Halloween/Harvest Party

Sunday, Oct. 29 @ 11:30am

FOOD – CANDY – GAMES – COSTUMES – ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Board of Christian Education is hosting a Halloween/Harvest Party for everyone on Sunday, October 29 starting shortly after morning worship at 11:30am. We will gather in the fellowship hall for food, and then head outdoors (weather permitting) for fun and games and s'mores.

Trunk or Treat: We have also decided to once again include a Trunk or Treat component to our usual party games, where we welcomed folks to decorate their cars/trunks and pass out candy to our kids as they paraded through the parking lot. There is a red clipboard with a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for those who plan to participate in the Trunk or Treat.

Costume Contest: All are invited to come dressed in/put on their Halloween costumes/fall attire as we celebrate the new season with food, games and fellowship! And there will be prizes for best costumes in the following categories: Best Fall Attire; Best Home-made; Silliest/Funniest; Most Creative/Original; Best Group (2 or more people comprising a group—e.g., Avengers, TMNT, etc.); Best Retro.

RSVPs are always helpful, and we encourage you to do so using the yellow cards in the pews on Sunday or by email or phone (fbc@fbcd Dayton.org / 937-222-4691).

NOTE: There will not be Sunday School or Second Hour activities for children and youth at the 11:30am time, **BUT** there **WILL** be Adult Sunday School offering on the Alternatives to Violence Project led by Rev. Joe Henry in the Chapel. Those attending his class are all welcome to join the party at any time afterwards.

Call to Prayer Hymn: O, How He Loves You and Me

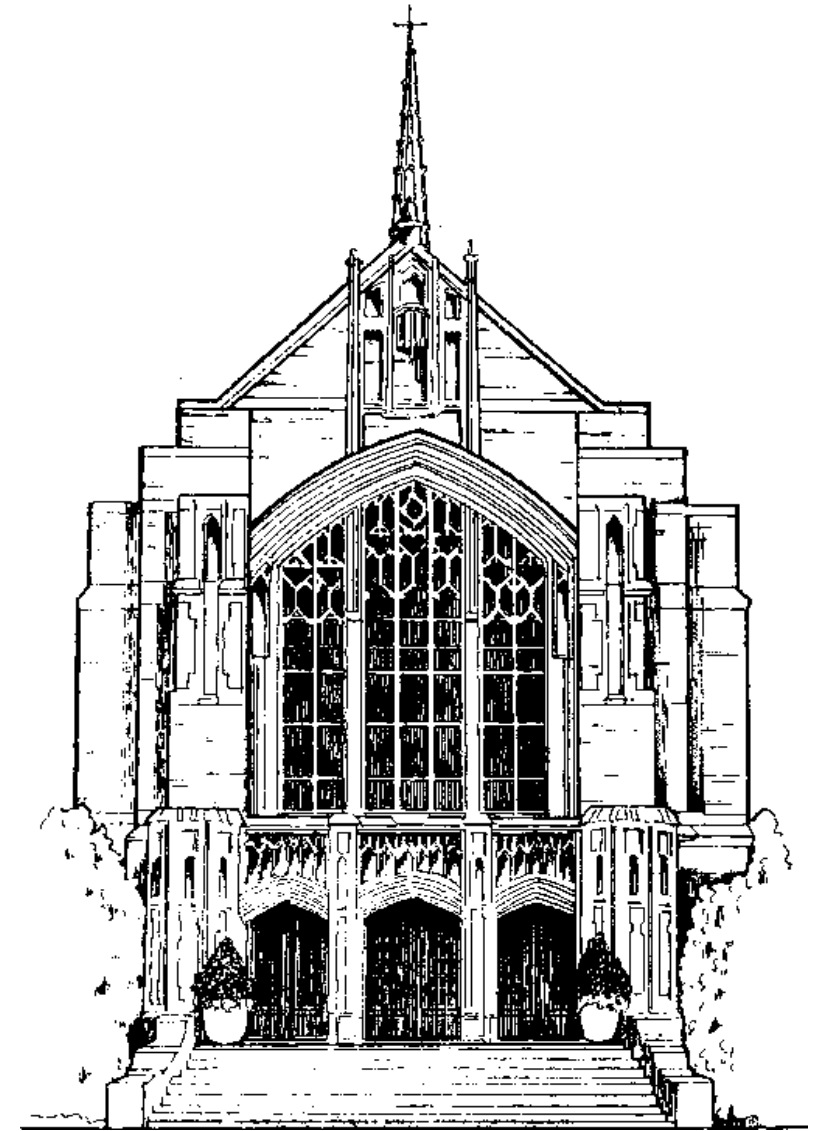
1. O, how He loves you and me, O, how He
2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go, His love for

loves you and me, He gave His life, what
all He did show; What He did there brought

more could He give; O, how He loves me, O, how He
hope from de - spair: O, how He loves me, O, how He

loves me, O, how He loves you and me.
loves me, O, how He loves you and me.

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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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