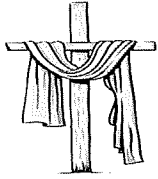


First Baptist Church of Dayton
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
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The First Baptist Church at Worship
 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
 March 10, 2024 ~10:00 AM



PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Liturgical Improvisation No. 1 George Oldroyd
 Prelude on "Jesu dulcis memoriae" Charles Villiers Stanford
 Variations on "Wondrous Love" Samuel Barber

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

This Is the Day
 Eugene Butler

*This is the day, this is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
 This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 107:1-3)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

*OPENING HYMN

#281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
 BEECHER

On April 29, 2011, millions of people around the world turned on their televisions to watch one of the most anticipated spectacles of the year: the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The ceremony featured a number of hymns, one of which was "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," a hymn that is both appropriate and seemingly paradoxical for a wedding. This ceremony was so celebrated because it represented the "dream" for romance - a prince finding his princess, true loves coming together, and a couple rising above the odds to be together. This, we argue so easily, is love. And yet this hymn reorients us to see that this beautiful wedding and marriage is only, and can only ever be, a reflection of the Love above all loves. We are only able to love one another because Christ first loved us. God is love, and we are the mirrors and bearers of that love to each other. Let us pray that we would continually be filled with Love, that we might bless each other, and become more and more like He who loves us.

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Tonya Mitchell

Ephesians 2:1-10: You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who

is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

John 3:14-21: And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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!

***FELLOWSHIP HYMN**

#620 *Because He Lives*
RESURRECTION

Because He Lives is one of the most famous hymns written by wedded songwriters Bill and Gloria Gaither. Its lyrics praise the sacrifice and salvation found in Jesus Christ through faith. In 1971, the hymn was written in the midst of social upheaval, threats of war, and betrayals of national and personal trust. It was into this world at such a time that Bill and Gloria Gaither were bringing their third little baby boy into the world. Assassinations, drug traffic, and war monopolized the headlines. It was in the midst of this kind of uncertainty that the assurance of the Lordship of the risen Christ blew across their troubled minds like a cooling breeze in the parched desert.

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

#234 *Spirit of the Living God*
IVERSON

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &
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.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Music Director

I Need You to Survive arr. David Frazier

*I need you, you need me, we're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me, agree with me, we're all a part of God's body.
It is His will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.
I pray for you, you pray for me, I love you, I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.
I love you, I need you to survive.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Alive with Christ"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#618 *Love Lifted Me*
SAFETY

Today, *Love Lifted Me* is still a popular hymn written by James Rowe in 1912. The lyrics draw from the stories of Jesus and his disciples at sea from the book of Matthew. Rowe plays upon the idea of sinking in water to sinking in sin and that Jesus can lift us out of despair to salvation. As our hymn of response, let us lift our voices in singing this powerful hymn.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#523 v.1 *God Be with You*
GOD BE WITH YOU

**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

Fugue on the Kyrie François Couperin

(*) 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	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy Smith
Elizabeth Ard	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Glen Babb	Ray Landis	Anne Veghte
Jessica Blair	Gene Lee	Harold West
Gail Bowman	Dana Liss	Dorothy Williams
Don Brown	Vincent Liss	Sharon Wingham
Rob Brown	Tom McKenzie	
Gerald Busch	Arthur Merkle	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sebastian Ewald
Lynn Domescik	Susan Parent	Sunny Ewald
David Donovan	Riese Family	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Earnest Family	Tina Rose	Kyle Kline
Bill Harrell	Judy See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Mar. 10 – 17

Sun. 10	10:00a	..... Worship Service
	11:15a	..... Coffee Fellowship
		..... Sunday School Classes
Mon. 11	12-2p	..... Heritage Committee Meeting
Wed. 13	2:00p	..... Bible Study
	6:00p	..... Lenten Study @ CEC
	6:30p	..... Board Meetings
Thu. 14	7:00p	..... Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 17	10:00a	..... Worship Service
	11:15a	..... Coffee Fellowship & Irish Dancers
		..... Sunday School Classes

Adult Sunday School Class

Sundays @ 11:30am - 12:15pm

March 10 & 17 | Chapel

Dr. Mark Ryan will lead a two-week study on *The Virtue of Art and the Christian Life*. This two-week Sunday School class explores a few ideas derived from his class on "Christian Ethics and Art" at UD. We will consider a few connections between the making of art and the Christian life.

CWU Event: Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, Mar. 12 at 9:30 a.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Road, Kettering 45429. Cost is \$10 at time of reservation. Please give Linda Ginter-Brown your reservation.

March Church Meetings

Heritage Committee: Monday, March 11 @ 12-2pm
Board Meetings: Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:30pm
Executive Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:30pm

Heritage Committee Meeting

The Heritage Committee will meet at FBC on Monday, March 11 from Noon to 2pm to work on historical displays for the bicentennial celebration. If you like scrapbooking or working on things like this, you are welcome to join us. Just RSVP to Donna Miles Curry, donna.curry@wright.edu or 937 470 5643.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Study Christ Episcopal Church – Fellowship Hall

"Scripture's Spectrum: Queer, Trans, and Non-Binary Bible Readings"

Led by Dr. Esther Brownsmith
Wednesdays @ 6:00 – 7:30pm
February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20
(NOTE: A light meal will also be provided)

The stories of the Bible capture humanity's quest to understand ourselves and our relationship with God. This makes it vitally important to see the full range of humanity represented and belonging in God's family. In this series, taught by Bible scholar Dr. Esther Brownsmith, we will move beyond the "clobber texts" to seek out biblical stories of people who range across the spectrum of gender and sexuality. By reflecting on these stories and their positive portrayals of embodied identities, we will learn how to embrace ourselves and our neighbors more fully, confident in God's abundant love.

Remaining Weekly Schedule

March 6: "Whither Thou Goest": Ruth's Sapphic Steadfastness
March 13: The Non-Binary Wisdom of Mordecai and Qohelet
March 21: Imagining a Genderfluid God

Irish Dancers on March 17

Sunday, March 17 @ 11:15am in Fellowship Hall



Please join us for some St. Patrick's Day joy after church on March 17th! Along with refreshments we will have dancers from the "Celtic Academy of Irish Dance" share their talents and enjoyment of Irish dancing! We are blessed to have them join us! They will definitely bring happiness to your hearts.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2024 - GRACE upon GRACE

March Offering

*"Because of God's great love we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." ~ Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)*

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is promoting the 2024 America for Christ Offering which seeks to raise \$1,500,000 to support American Baptist mission and ministries through our churches and community partners across the United States and Puerto Rico. Our gifts to this offering support regions, churches, and community organizations with grants for a variety of purposes, including: Chaplaincy and spiritual caregivers support; aid for children living in poverty; new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; promoting discipleship. Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus' disciples in 2024. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.



Palm Sunday Luncheon

March 24 @ 11:15am

Sliders (including vegetarian) and drinks will be provided by the Deacon Board. You are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Reservations appreciated by Monday, March 18.

Maundy Thursday

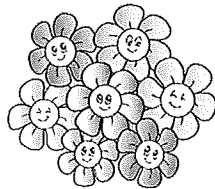
March 28 @ 6:30pm

Agape Meal at Christ Episcopal Church

Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace

SOUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On March 29 there will be a Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace through Downtown Dayton from 12-2pm. This is an ecumenical witness for justice and peace issues based on the Stations of the Cross. The walk begins at Courthouse Square (Third & Main) and ends at First Baptist Church. Rain or shine, come for all or part. **Following the walk at approximately 2pm, First Baptist will invite participants to enter the church and into Fellowship Hall where there will be soup and water prepared for them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and in fellowship hall asking for donations of soup (vegetarian options preferred) and/or help in other ways. Thank you!**



EASTER FLOWERS

Orders & Dedications

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, March 31. A special insert on Easter Sunday will include names of donors and names of those in whose memory or honor a flower is given. A gift of \$20 is suggested. **Please turn in your order/dedication by Friday, March 22.** Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church and please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER / DEDICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)



Your Name(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ \$20 enclosed

_____ \$20 will be mailed by 3/22/24