

First Baptist Church of Dayton

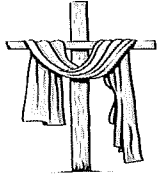
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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The First Baptist Church at Worship
 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
 March 17, 2024 ~10:00 AM



PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Andante on an old Irish church melody ("St. Columba")
 --Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

"Jesus meets his mother" and "Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem"
 (from *The Way of the Cross*) --Marcel Dupré

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. 119:9-16)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.
 I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.
 With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.
I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.
 I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

*OPENING HYMN

#415 *Lift High the Cross*
 CRUCIFER

It has been suggested that the hymn was inspired by the story of Constantine the Great's conversion to Christianity after seeing a cross with "In hoc signo vinces" on it. It was intended as a festival hymn and was first performed in Winchester Cathedral.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jerome Stueart

Jeremiah 31:31-34: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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 12:20-33: Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 (SEE PGS. 7-8)**

Lift Him Up
LIFT HIM UP

The various stanzas of *Lift Him Up* address *what, why, warning, and way*. The first stanza sets the orientation of this hymn as evangelical. Christ foretells the pain of his death (crucifixion), yet the power of that same death: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." This is not the only time Jesus makes this reference. In John 3:14, he compared his pending crucifixion to the brazen serpent lifted in the wilderness by Moses, as Moses had been instructed by God.

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

#600 *O How He Loves You and Me*
PATRICIA

**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 you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)**

Rev. Alspaugh

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

Glorious Everlasting M. Thomas Cousins

*Glorious everlasting. I will praise Thee, O Lord among the people,
I will sing unto Thee among the nations. Be Thou exalted, O God,
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,
Let Thy glory be above all the earth. Amen*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“Christ Lifted Up”

The Response of God’s People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#641 *Higher Ground*
HIGHER GROUND

It's a hymn filled with optimism and great aspiration to be fully consecrated to God. It's indeed a great help for anyone who aspires to take their spiritual goals to a higher level. Moreover, the hymn offers a fitting way of renewing our passion for the Lord.

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

Andante maestoso on an old Irish church melody (“Garten”)
--Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

(*) 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	Anita Suro
Glen Babb	Ray Landis	Kaye Suryk
Jessica Blair	Gene Lee	Anne Veghte
Gail Bowman	Dana Liss	Harold West
Don Brown	Vincent Liss	Dorothy Williams
Rob Brown	Tom McKenzie	Sharon Wingham
Gerald Busch	Arthur Merkle	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sebastian Ewald
Lynn Domesick	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. 17 – 24

Sun. 17	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship & Irish Dancers
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering
Wed. 20	6:00p	.....	Lenten Study @ CEC
	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 21	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 24	10:00a	.....	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Luncheon

Irish Dancers Today! 11:15am in Fellowship Hall



Please join us for some St. Patrick's Day joy after church service today! 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.

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.

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:30pm

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 20: Imagining a Genderfluid God

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.

BYF Gatherings in March 2024

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join our Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) gatherings, where we share in food, fellowship, reflection and fun times. Here are our upcoming gatherings this month:

BYF Gathering @ FBC Dayton

Sunday, March 17 @ 12:15-3:00pm

BYF Dining Together

Palm Sunday, March 24 ~Youth and leaders will dine together during the churchwide Palm Sunday Dinner



Palm Sunday Service and Luncheon

March 24 @ 10:00am

Luncheon at 11:15: 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

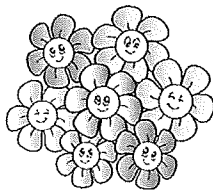
Agape Meal at Christ Episcopal Church

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!**

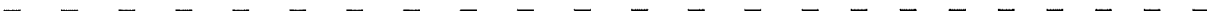
PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!



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

FELLOWSHIP HYMN (Pg. 1 of 2)

Replace the word "men" with the word "saints" throughout the song!

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Lift Him Up

*And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.
John 12:32*

1. How to reach the mass - es, ^{Saints} ~~men~~ of ev - 'ry birth,
2. Oh! the world is hun - gry for the Liv - ing Bread,
3. Don't ex - alt the preach - er, don't ex - alt the pew,
4. Lift Him up by liv - ing as a Chris - tian ought,

For an an - swer Je - sus gave the key: "And
Lift the Sav - ior up for them to see; Trust
Preach the Gos - pel sim - ple, full and free; Prove
Let the world in you the Sav - ior see; Then

I, if I be lift - ed up from the earth,
Him, and do not doubt the words that He said,
Him, and you will find that prom - ise is true,
men will glad - ly fol - low Him who once taught,

Will draw all men un - to Me."
"I'll draw all men un - to Me."
"I'll draw all men un - to Me."
"I'll draw all men un - to Me."

*Saints can be substituted for men throughout this text.


Lift Him up, Lift Him up,
Lift the pre-cious Sav-ior up, Lift the pre-cious Sav-ior up,



Still He speaks from e - ter - ni - ty: "And I, if I be lift-ed



up from the earth, Will draw all men un - to Me."



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