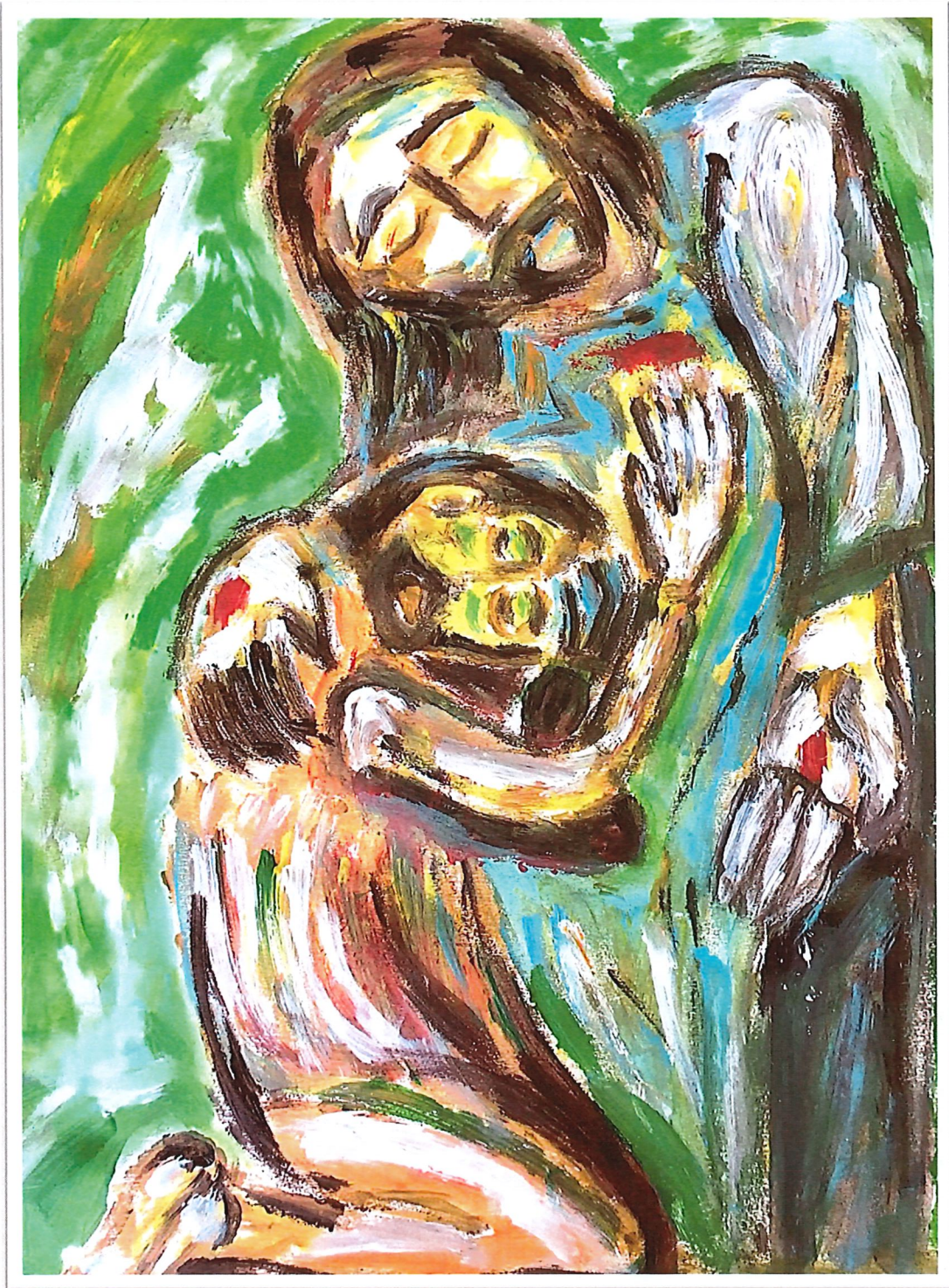


First Baptist Church of Dayton
Second Sunday of Easter



“My Lord and God” Jesus and Thomas,
Painting by Ronald Raab, CSC



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
 COMMUNION SUNDAY
 April 7, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

- "Prelude at Eastertide" Sir Charles Villiers Stanford
- "Aria" Paul Manz
- "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" J. S. Bach

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

Chancel Choir
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! arr. William Henry Caldwell

*I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this assurance gives!
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!*

*WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#509 *Trust and Obey*
 TRUST AND OBEY

This hymn paints a picture of communion with God in which fear and gloom have disappeared, and delight and joy saturate one's existence. However, this attractive life is not free – the Christian must totally surrender control of his life to God, and commit to trusting obedience of God's wishes, as the final stanza says – "what He says we will do, where He sends we will go." Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 1:1-5

Linda Ginter-Brown

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us--we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

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

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

#200 *In the Garden*
GARDEN

One occasionally hears stories of someone who disappeared and was assumed dead suddenly reappearing to their family and loved ones in a joyful surprise. Imagine how much greater Mary Magdalene's shock and elation was when Jesus, whom she had seen dead and buried three days earlier suddenly called her by name, and she turned and saw Him, very much alive and in person. This hymn elaborates on the emotions she may have felt in that moment, when her grief was turned to joy.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the message during the last verse of the Fellowship Hymn.
Children will return to sit with their families for the remainder of the service.)

CALL TO PRAYER (SEE PG. 8)

I Love You, Lord, Today
CHINWAH SONGS

**I love You. I love You. I love You, Lord, today
because You care for me in such a special way.
And yes I praise You. I lift you up. I magnify Your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

Rev. Alspaugh, Leader

When our lives are empty, our hearts unsatisfied, our spirits waiting:

Christ of the Bethlehem stable, be born to us.

When we find temptation, and the seduction of power and wealth and ease and pleasure hard to face:

Christ of the desert wilderness, pray with us.

When we rejoice in health and happiness and well-being, and feel the warmth of God's love on our faces:

Christ of the roads of Galilee, walk with us.

When we seek our own way and interest and our own good before that of others and of God:

Christ of the temple cleansing, deal with us.

When our decisions are hard, our paths stony, and we cannot see our way:

Christ of the Garden of Gethsemane, watch with us.

When we face the bitter paths of suffering and loss, and when our hearts cry out for reasons why:

Christ of the cross of Calvary, stay with us.

When at last we end our journey and bring our poor lives into your keeping:

Christ of the empty tomb, welcome us. Amen.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal Alice Parker

*Hark I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah praise the lamb
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I am
And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah praise the lamb
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I am
Souls have crossed before me saintly to that land of perfect rest
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah praise the lamb
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I am
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah praise the lamb
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I am*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Can We Handle Christ?"

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Coggins

SHARING OF THE BREAD

#459 v.1 *Come, Share the Lord*
DIVERNON

(Soloist then Congregation)

SHARING OF THE CUP

#459 v.2-3 *Come, Share the Lord*
DIVERNON

(Soloist then Congregation)

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

#204 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*
PUER NOBIS

While whomever penned the words of this ancient Latin hymn remains unknown, the man who took up the original writer's mantle and translated the lyrics is known well. His name was John Mason Neale. We don't often give enough credit to translators, but the work they do is really very much like creating an entirely new hymn, and more difficult still... They have to keep within the parameters set by the original writer while still making the hymn singable and beautiful in poetry and meter. Let's take a moment to get to know this wonderful translator of many favorite hymns in Christendom.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

"Christ lag in Todesbanden" J. S. Bach

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

Please place 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.fbcdayton.org/>).

Week of April 7 – 14

Sun. 7	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
Mon. 8	1-4p	.....	Eclipse Watch Party
		.....	(Church Office will close at Noon)
Wed. 10	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Thu. 11	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 14	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	12:15p	.....	BYF / Baptism Class Outing

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	Bill Harrell	Judy Smith
Glen Babb	Lavanda Ferguson	Anita Suro
Clara Black	Jett Family	Kaye Suryk
Jessica Blair	Ron Kalbfleisch	Anne Veghte
Gail Bowman	Ray Landis	Harold West
Don Brown	Gene Lee	Dorothy Williams
Linda Ginter-Brown	Dana Liss	Sharon Wingham
Gerald Busch	Vincent Liss	Military Duty:
June Collier	Tom McKenzie	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald
Lynn Domeschik	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
David Donovan	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Earnest Family	Judy See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY

Hosted by FBC & CEC

Monday, April 8th @ 1-4pm in Church Parking Lot

Our friends at Christ Episcopal had the wonderful idea for our churches to share the solar eclipse experience together on April 8th by hosting a watch party here on our church grounds. We will designate space in our parking lot near the river for folks to set up chair and blankets. And we'll offer some hot dogs, beverages, and general hospitality. We'll also have a limited number of eclipse watch glasses on-hand. This is an informal event, open to the community. We hope you will join us, and that the sky will be good and clear!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MARY K. LEE

*** Please RSVP the number of guests in your party by April 7 to Mike Lee at ***

Mike.Kaylin.2016@gmail.com

Join Gene and the Lee Family in a celebration of life! Let's share our favorite memories of Mary K. as we take in the beautiful view of one of her favorite Englewood, OH spots—Englewood MetroPark next to Aullwood Garden.

Saturday, May 25, 2024 @ 12pm – 3pm
Englewood MetroPark: East Park
4361 W National Rd, Vandalia OH 45377
Shelter Name: Patty
Food and refreshments will be served.

April Church Meetings

Board Meetings

Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 17 @ 6:30pm

Monday, April 8

The church office will close at noon.

Adult Sunday School Classes – April 2024

“Those Who Witness and Testify: Character Studies in John’s Gospel”

Led by The Rev. Kate Bradley

April 7 – 28 @ 11:30am-12:15pm in 1st Floor Chapel

The Fourth Gospel offers a vivid narrative aimed at instilling belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, and guiding readers toward life in His name (John 20:31). By closely examining John's character portrayals—such as John “the Baptist,” Nicodemus, Peter, and Mary Magdalene—we gain deeper insight into the core themes and teachings John emphasizes about Jesus and the Christian journey. In this study, Kate Bradley will introduce us to these people as *John writes about them*. Following that, we'll engage in a close reading of a Scripture passage, which will serve as a springboard for personal discussions.

Sermon Talkback

With The Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

April 7 @ 11:30am-12:15pm in 1st Floor Choir Room

We continue to offer sermon talkbacks on the first Sunday of each month in the Choir Room. We hope you'll join us and share the questions, insights, challenges, etc. from your hearing of the morning's sermon.

On Sale Now!

First Baptist Church of Dayton Bicentennial Keepsake

The First Baptist Church of Dayton's Bicentennial is on our minds and hearts this year. We have a special keepsake to commemorate this historic event! It is a beautiful wooden replica of our church (5"3/8" high x 7 1/2" wide). **We will be selling and taking orders April 7 to 21.** A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall where you may sign up for how many keepsakes you would like to purchase. The price will be \$10 each and may be picked up after payment. We are blessed and honored to follow those who have led the way in the Dayton community for 200 years. May we be a blessing to those in the future of First Baptist Church of Dayton.

BYF Gatherings in April 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 in the month of April:

BYF / Baptism Class Outing

Sunday, April 14 @ 12:15-3:00pm

BYF Gathering & Paint Party @ FBC

Sunday, April 28 @ 12:15-2:30pm

Also, we would like to be sure to have updated information for our youth participants, and ask that parents turn in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form for each youth to Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org / 937-631-3579). Print copies are available outside the church office. Friends are always welcome, but we ask that they also turn in a BYF Form.

Around the Corner...in May

Mark Your Calendar!

May 12: Dedication of FBC Historical Marker, after church

May 18: Memorial Service for Rev. Jim Earnest, 10 AM

May 25: Celebration of Life for Mary K. Lee at Englewood MetroPark, 12-3 PM

May 26: FBC Bicentennial Celebration with Service and Banquet on Founders Sunday



It's time for Rebuilding Together Dayton's National Rebuild Day!

We've volunteered with Rebuilding Together Dayton for over a decade during their National Rebuild Day, and we can't wait to tackle the projects they give us this year! We may take part in some light home repair, painting, gardening, or even a neighborhood cleanup - our specific duty will be announced shortly, but whatever it is, you know we'll have fun giving back to our community! Sign up by April 19 to take part!

Rebuilding Together Dayton National Rebuild Day
Saturday, April 27 @ 8:30-12:30 (or later)
Location to Be Announced

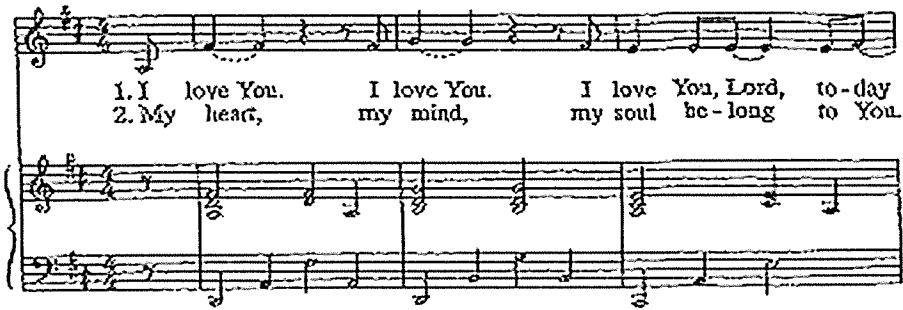
REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY APRIL 19

Register:
<https://tinyurl.com/3ndudvj8>

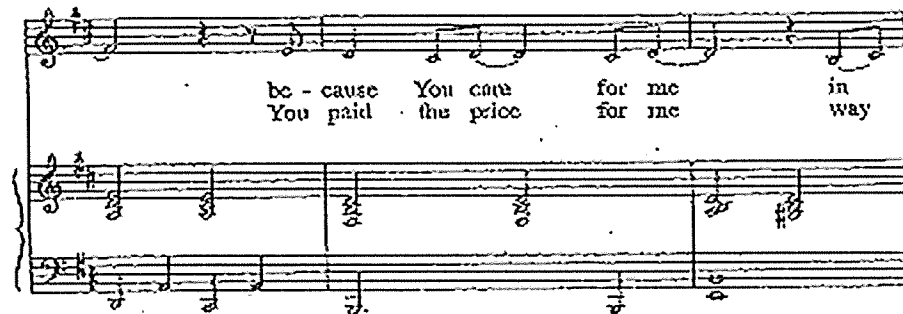
CALL TO PRAYER

580 I LOVE YOU, LORD, TODAY

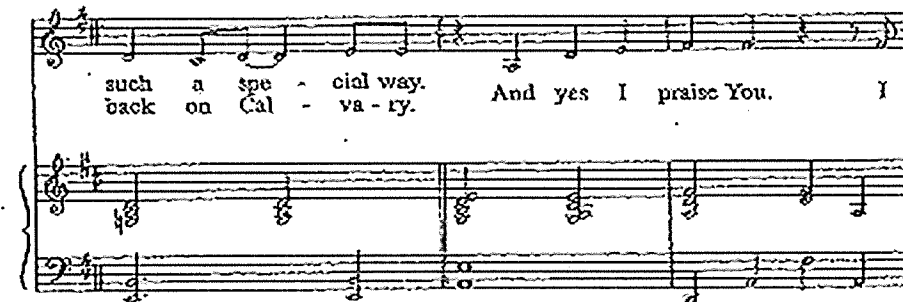
...Yes, Lord; you know that I love You...
John 21:15



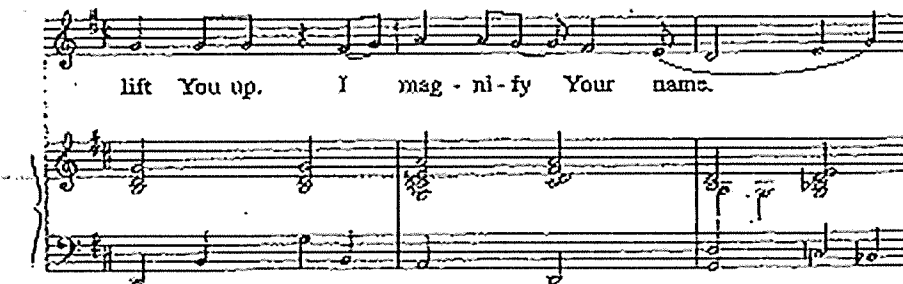
1. I love You. I love You. I love You, Lord, to-day
2. My heart, my mind, my soul be-long to You.



be-cause You care for me in
You paid the price for me way



such a spe-cial way. And yes I praise You. I
back on Cal-va-ry.



lift You up. I mag-ni-fy Your name.



That's why my heart is filled with praise.