



The First Baptist Church at Worship  
 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 April 14, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Prelude (Entrée) and Improvisation (Elevation) from *Suite Medievale*;  
 Prelude (*Organ Book*); Prelude on an Anthem and Song of Peace (*Neuf Pieces*)

--Jean Langlais

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

#205 *Christ Is Alive*  
 TRURO

Christ is alive! And because He is alive, that makes all the difference in the world. In His resurrection evil has been defeated, love has conquered hate, death has lost its sting, and Satan has been defeated. Christ on the cross— He declared that the full penalty for sin has been paid. And one day all of creation will burst forth into a new song.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Dayton Christian Center

Jeannette Cox

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

Linda Ginter-Brown

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-48

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of 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!**

#### \*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

**#48** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
FAITHFULNESS

Thomas Chisholm, author of "Great is Thy Faithfulness" led a pretty ordinary life. He did not write this hymn during a period of intense grief or after encountering God in a profound way. Instead, he found truth in the words he encountered in Lamentations 3:22-23: "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Jeremiah, on the other hand, was in tumultuous circumstances when writing Lamentations. The people to whom he prophesied did not listen, and he was ostracized and completely alone because of what God called him to do. He also lamented the consequences of their faithlessness. God allowed them to be conquered by the Babylonians, resulting in their entire world being laid to waste. But in the midst of that utter devastation, Jeremiah still offers them hope on the horizon: they are not completely destroyed because of the LORD's compassion and faithfulness, and in the morning, after this "dark night of the soul," things will be better. So whether we are at a place in our lives where everything is pretty ordinary, or whether we are in a period of grief: no matter what our circumstances, God never changes and is faithful to us, sustaining us in his compassion and faithfulness each and every day.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alsbaugh

(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 PG. 7)

*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 and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. David 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, Director

Ascribe to the Lord ..... Rosephanye Powell

*Ascribe to the Lord O mighty ones  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name,  
in the splendor of His holiness worship Him.  
The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of the Lord is majestic.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“We Shall Be Like Him”*

The Response of God’s People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#222 *Thine Is the Glory*  
MACCABEUS

This hymn perfectly displays the glory and brilliance of Christ’s resurrection. The first stanza discusses the power of the resurrection, the second verse tells Christ’s people to shed their doubt now that Christ has conquered the grave, the third verse tells us to quench our fear now that the Prince of peace reigns. The powerful lyrics and the universally-liked tune no doubt led to the hymns’ enormous popularity.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Acclamations (“Christ conquers!”) from *Suite Medievale*  
--Jean Langlais

(\*) 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.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	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	Liss Family	Sharon Wingham
Gerald Busch	Vincent Liss	<b>Military Duty:</b>
June Collier	Tom McKenzie	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald
Lynn Domescik	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
David Donovan	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Earnest Family	Judy See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

## Week of April 14 – 21

Sun. 14	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	12:15p	.....	BYF / Baptism Class Outing
Wed. 17	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 18	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 21	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities

## April Adult Sunday School Classes

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

Led by The Rev. Kate Bradley  
April 7 – 28 @ 11:30am-12:15pm  
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.

## Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 17 @ 6:30pm

***On Sale Now!***

**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<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" 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.

**Last Call for Photos!!**

If you have any wedding, trunk-or-treat, softball, or eclipse photos, please email them to [angelinahoschouer@gmail.com](mailto:angelinahoschouer@gmail.com). If you have photos that can go on display boards that you don't need back, please drop off in church office or give to Kent or Angie. Thank you!

**Special Guests on April 21st**

**The Wright State University Collegiate Chorale**

On Sunday, April 21st at the 10am Worship Service, the highly acclaimed **Wright State University Collegiate Chorale** under the direction of Dr. Nathan Nagir will perform at the First Baptist Church of Dayton. They will present selections during the service and combine with the First Baptist Chancel Choir under the direction Dr. William Henry Caldwell. All are welcome and a reception will follow after the service.

**BYF Gatherings in April 2024**

**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@fbcdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcdayton.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.

**Mark Your May Calendar!**

- May 12: Dedication of FBC Historical Marker, after church
- May 18: Memorial Service for Rev. Jim Earnest, 10 AM at FBC
- 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 important to RSVP for the catered banquet!)*



***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>**



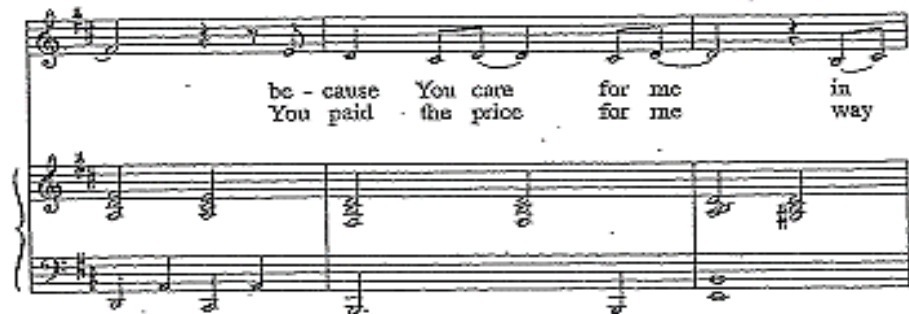
# CALL TO PRAYER

## 580 I LOVE YOU, LORD, TODAY

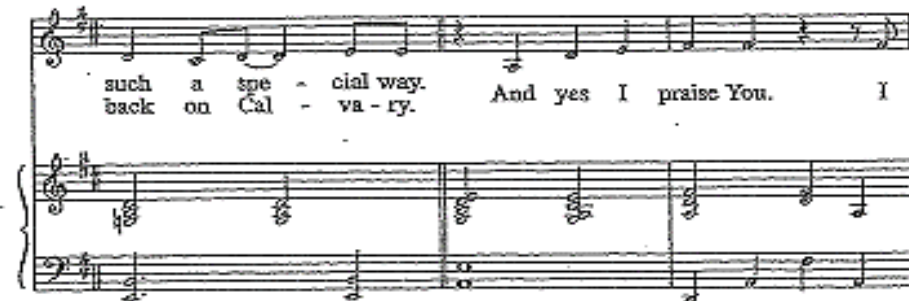
...Yes, Lord; you know that I love You...  
John 21:15



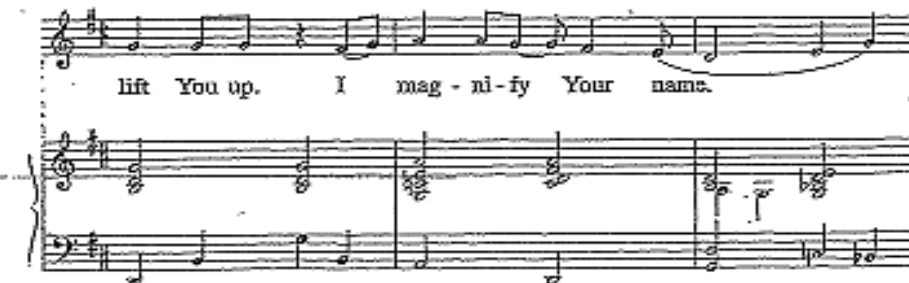
1. I love You. I love You. I love You, Lord, to-day  
2. My heart, my mind, my soul be-long to You.



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.