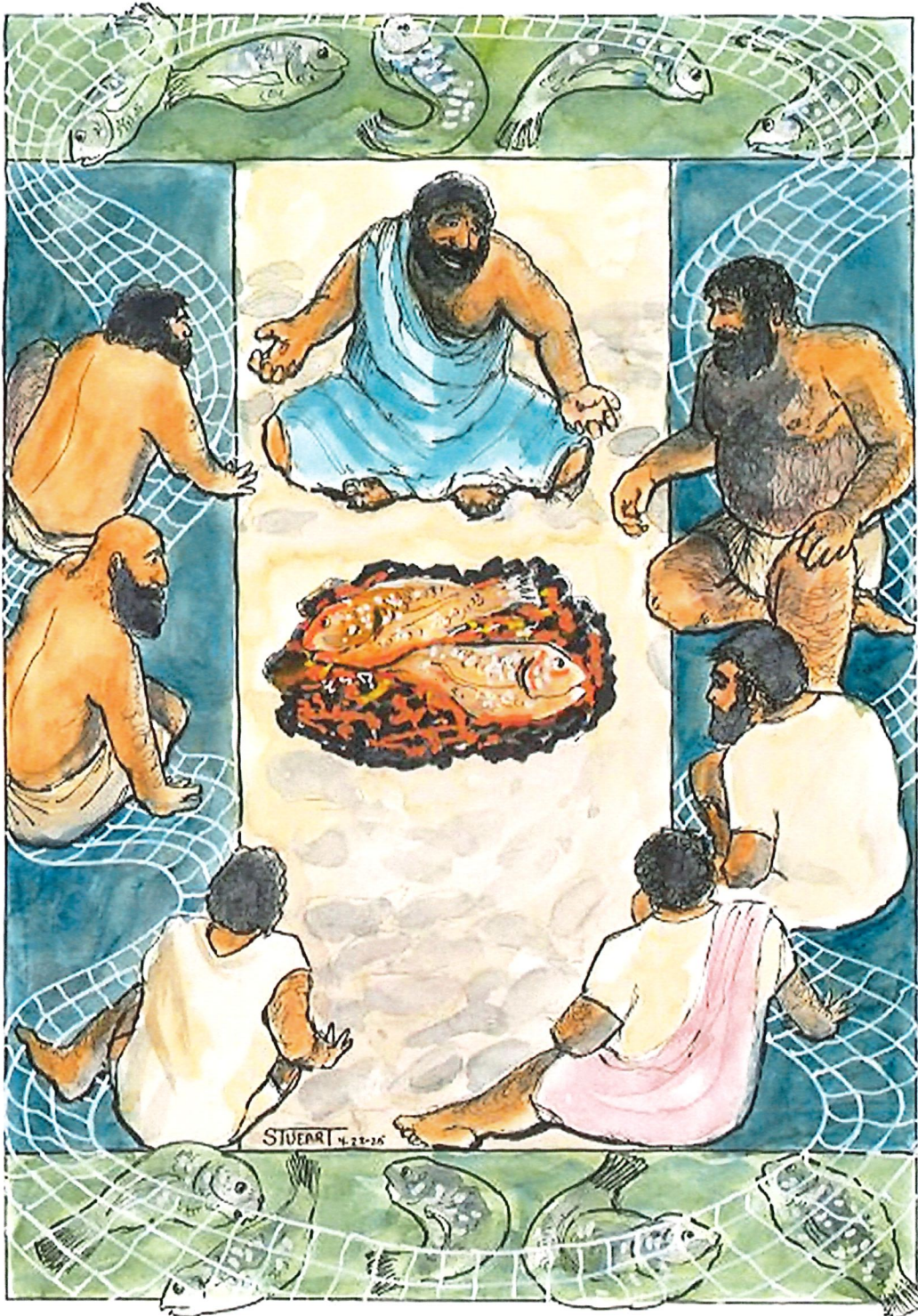


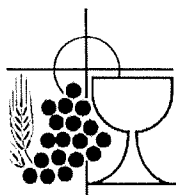


First Baptist Church of Dayton
A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Third Sunday of Easter ~ May 4, 2025



"A Healing Breakfast on the Beach" by Jerome Stueart



The First Baptist Church at Worship
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
COMMUNION SUNDAY
May 4, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

"Jesus dulcis memoriae" Sir Charles Villiers Stanford
Three Elevations Dom Paul Benoit
Prelude on "Brother James' Air" Ian Higginson

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

Rise and Greet the Sun Eugene Butler

Rise and greet the sun; God's day has begun.

*WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Coggins

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#307 *All Creatures of Our God and King*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

In the year 1225, completely blind and nearing death, St. Francis of Assisi arrived at the Convent of St. Damian to bid goodbye to his dear friend, Sister Clara, the first woman to follow the call of St. Francis and take vows of the Order. Clara built him a small reed hut in the garden of her little monastery. It's said that at times St. Francis could be heard singing faint melodies from within the hut. It was at a meal with the sisters after having stayed for some time at the monastery that he wrote his famous text, "Canticle of the Sun," later paraphrased into the beloved hymn we sing today. As we sing this hymn, we join with Christians throughout the ages and with all of Creation to sing our praises to God the Creator. Psalm 145 says, "My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever." This is our call and our invitation, and now, using the words God has given us through the voice of a Saint, we answer that invitation with a joyful "Alleluia!"

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 30:2-5, 11-12

Charlene Bayless

LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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

***GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:1-19**

Rev. Coggins

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

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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**

#486 *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*
RESTORATION

Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander was one of the most beloved hymn writers of the nineteenth century. Born Cecil Frances Humphreys in Redcross, County Wicklow, Ireland, she married Irishman William Alexander at age 32. Alexander was an Anglican rector who became Bishop of Derry and Raphoe in 1867 and, following her death, archbishop and primate of all Ireland. This hymn is one of the finest hymns on Christian discipleship and commitment. The Matthean text focuses on the calling of the fishermen, Andrew and Peter.

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

#399 v.1 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Phillip McIntyre

*My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine, for Thee all the follies of sin I resign; my gracious redeemer,
my Savior art Thou, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus tis now. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow. If ever I
loved Thee, my Jesus tis now. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as
Thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved Thee my Jesus
tis now. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with
the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved Thee my Jesus tis now.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Coggins

"Unfinished Business"

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

SHARING OF THE BREAD

#462 v.1 *In Remembrance*
RED, alt.

SHARING OF THE CUP

#462 v.2,3 *In Remembrance*
RED, alt.

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

#171 *What Wondrous Love Is This*
WONDROUS LOVE

Hymns have a way of weaving themselves into our own life stories. Laura de Jong shares about a worship service in which "What Wondrous Love" took on a new, more urgent meaning in her life: Each year Calvin College hosts a Tenebrae service for students and local churches. I've had the privilege of helping to lead a number of these, but there is one service in particular that I will never forget. This was the second year that we had used the first two lines of "What Wondrous Love" as a refrain sung throughout the service after each Scripture reading. As we heard and reflected on the last hours of Christ, each time we sang this refrain it was more and more powerful. Near the very end of the service, as we sang this refrain during the "Shadow of the Crucifixion," an older visitor from down the road slumped against his wife, having just suffered a fatal heart attack. The congregation sat in tears and prayer as campus safety administered CPR and a defibrillator, to no avail. In the midst of this reflection on Christ's suffering for our sake, this man had gone home to be with his Savior. As I left that place, the last stanza of the hymn came to mind: "And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on." Indeed, what wondrous love this is, that frees us from the fear of death, and causes us to lift our voices in wonder at the love of the Lamb.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Coggins

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#520 v.1 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*
AZMON

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

"Rigadoun" André Campra



(*) 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 for supporting the ministry of the church!

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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/>).

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.)

Laura Bayless	Karen Johnson	Ryan Family
Clara Black	Carole Lasley	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Gene Lee	Judy Smith
Gail Bowman	Vincent Liss	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Bruce & Patty Loxley	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Williams Family
Gerald Busch	Lisa McMullen	Sharon Wingham
Pamela Cress	Melissa Mikesell	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Kerby Downs	Tonya Mitchell & Family	Sebastian Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Shirley Nash	Sunny Ewald
Bill Harrell	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Debbie Harshman	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Barbara Jett	Petry Family	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of May 4 – 11

Sun. 4	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	4:00p	.....	Cincinnati Youth Choir in Concert (FBC)
Tue. 6	4:00p	.....	IFGD Meeting
Thu. 8	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 10	9:30a	.....	PDI/Siebenthaler's Presentation
Sun. 11	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Mother's Day
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Nature and Destiny of Humankind

Led by Dr. Mark Ryan

Sunday, May 4 & 11 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1st Floor - Chapel

This course will explore human nature and the human 'calling' (or vocation) drawing on key passages in the Old Testament and the New Testament that hold wisdom on this topic. A central passage for this course comes from Genesis 3, where we read that after suffering a punishment related to eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, "God clothed [Adam and Eve] in garments of skin." (Gen 3:21) Christian tradition, especially in the East, has developed a set of teachings about humanity and our relation to Christ rooted in this short verse. A part of this tradition involves seeing not only characteristics of our bodies, but also the institutions we create and sustain, as parts of the "garments of skin." The instructor, Mark Ryan, will explain how he came to use this tradition of "garments of skin" for teaching Christian ethics to business students. The class will invite participants to consider their own callings (career and before God) in the light of these ideas.

May Church Meetings

Board Meetings

Wednesday, May 14 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21 @ 6:30pm

Today! Cincinnati Youth Choir in Concert

First Baptist Church of Dayton

May 4 @ 4:00PM

The world-renowned Cincinnati Youth Choir will be in concert
at historic First Baptist Church of Dayton!

Under the direction of retiring artistic director Robyn Lana, the choir will present a program of music featuring all periods and styles. The group is celebrated for its appearances with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Cincinnati Pops, as well as collaborations with the May Festival Chorus and Vocal Arts Ensemble. The choir appears regularly at the national conference for the American Choral Directors Association and Chorus America. The group regularly performs throughout Europe and South Africa. The concert is free and open to the public. Free parking is available, and the sanctuary is handicap accessible from the ramp entrance of the parking lot. A free will offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert.

Summer Teachers Needed for Kids Sunday School 2025

We are seeking volunteers to help with our Kids One-Room Sunday School Class (preK-5) this summer (June 8 thru Aug. 31). There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Note that there are two slots for each Sunday—one for the person who will teach, leading the reading/discussion of scripture; the other for the person who would provide a craft project to help the kids connect with the lesson. Please speak with Pastor Jason or Debbie Reichard-Smith, CE chair. They will also be on hand to provide resources, supplies, etc., throughout the summer.

Ask the Experts— Free Gardening and Landscaping Advice from Siebenthaler's

Saturday, May 10 @ 9:30am – 12:30pm

First Baptist Church of Dayton

Siebenthaler's landscape designers and plant experts will be available to answer your questions and concerns just in time for your spring gardening projects and historic home landscaping research. This free and open to the public event will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Dayton. No advance registration is required, and parking is available next to the church or on the street.

Founded in 1870, the Siebenthaler Company has been beautifying homes and industries in the Miami Valley for six generations. Attendees can meet with landscape designers who will partner with your neighborhood organization to offer free advice to enhance your community gardens, parks, entrance ways, and private gardens. Siebenthaler's is working to digitize their archives and soon residents can complete a request to see if Siebenthaler's has historic landscape designs for their historic homes.

Learn more about the Siebenthaler family and its many contributions to the Dayton region since Georg Siebenthaler settled in a log cabin built in 1807 on Siebenthaler Avenue at www.siebenthaler.com/timeline/.

This partnership event is brought to you by Siebenthaler's and Preservation Dayton. Attendees are encouraged to join Preservation Dayton to be informed about special opportunities such as this and other private events. Learn more about Preservation Dayton at www.preservationdayton.com.

BYF Lock-In!

Our overnight Lock-In will begin at 7pm on Friday, May 16 and end at 9:30am on Saturday, May 17. We will share food, play games, share in evening prayers, and more. Youth are invited to bring a snack or beverage to share, and can also bring movies and/or games to propose to the group. Youth are welcome to invite their friends, but everyone needs to have turned in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form in order to participate. Print copies are available on the table by the church office.

Founders Sunday Scheduled for May 18, 2025

*"Keep your eyes peeled" on the steeple
as we rededicate this "Beacon of Light."*

This year the church will celebrate Founders Day on Sunday, May 18 (one week earlier) due to traffic concerns over the Memorial Day weekend related to the NATO Summit. Sunday service will start at 10AM, followed by a luncheon prepared by Chef Grey. On Founder's Sunday we take time to honor those who have been members of FBC for 50 years or more during our Sunday morning worship service. Not only do we recognize them for their contributions given in the past, we are mindful that they make significant contributions to the life of the church in the present. More details to come, but for now mark your calendar—May 18!

Governor's Awards for the Arts

FBC Music Director, Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Award Recipient

The Governor's Awards for the Arts, Ohio's most prestigious biennial arts event, will take place at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel on **Wednesday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m.** This year, 10 Ohioans whose exceptional artistic contributions and achievements strengthen our state each and every day will be honored. Each award winner receives an original piece of artwork created specifically for the event by an Ohio artist and the opportunity to share their story with other arts supporters statewide. Congratulations William!! Help to celebrate 60 years of public funding for the arts through the Ohio Arts Council through your ticket purchase. Individual tickets are available for \$60 per person via EventBrite: <https://tinyurl.com/nh2myu7>



Education/Youth Sunday Sunday, June 1, 2025



Each year we take time in worship to recognize those who have served in the education ministry of our church—Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School volunteers, Children's Messengers, and others. And we celebrate those who are graduating from high schools or universities. **CALL FOR GRADUATES!** If you or someone in your family will be graduating this spring, we would be happy to include you/them in our list of graduates. Contact the church office (fbc@fbcd Dayton.org) with the graduate's name, institution of learning, and degree if applicable; or you may include the info on a yellow card on Sunday. Also it would be helpful to know if you/they will be present in worship on that Sunday.

SAVE THE DATES!

Church Picnic

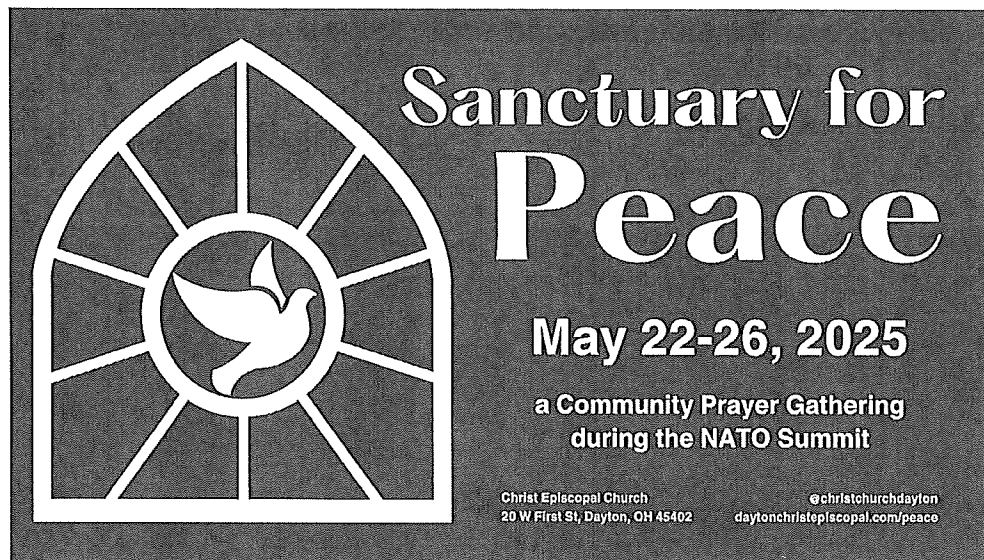
Sunday, June 22

(Location to be announced)

Vacation Bible School

July 7-11, 2025 @ 9:30AM - Noon

For Grades PreK – 5th



Sanctuary for Peace

May 22-26, 2025

Christ Episcopal Church
(21 W First St)

This CEC event is for everyone in the community who wishes to offer words of encouragement and support for the work of peace, both through NATO and throughout the world.

Christ Episcopal Church will host "Sanctuary for Peace," a community gathering offering prayers for peace and maintaining a vigil for peace in our sanctuary during the NATO Summit. Open for all people of all faiths!

From May 22–26, downtown Dayton will be transformed into "NATO Village" when the NATO Parliamentary Association, including 300 parliamentarians from the 32 NATO countries, comes to town. Christ Episcopal Church Dayton is near the center of the secure zone, yet our church building will not stand empty; in recognition of the powerful need for peace in our time, we will offer "Sanctuary for Peace."

The church sanctuary will be open from 8am-8pm each day. Throughout the day we'll have prayer resources & prayer stations, music, and art projects to help guests engage in prayer and peaceful contemplation.

Structured prayer time will take place daily at 1pm (led by community faith partners from various practices & backgrounds) and at 7pm (evening prayer in the Episcopal tradition).

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Although Christ Church is inside the security zone, access is available by foot from about 1-2 blocks away.

Questions? Contact Rev. Peter Homeyer at 937-815-0236 or email christdaytonrector@gmail.com.

"Blessed are the Peace Makers"

BE A PART OF FBC DAYTON'S PRIDE PLANNING TEAM

We are once again planning to participate in Dayton Pride this year (June 7). If you would like to help with our preparations and/or join us in the parade and/or at our booth, please contact Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org). Here is a description of this year's theme:

Greater Dayton LGBT Center Announces Theme for Dayton Pride™ 2025: "Patchwork of Pride – Today, Tomorrow, Together"

Greater Dayton LGBT Center and the Dayton Pride Partnership are thrilled to announce the theme for the 2025 Dayton Pride™ Celebration: "Patchwork of Pride – Today, Tomorrow, Together." This year's celebration will take place on June 6-7 offering a vibrant and meaningful weekend to honor the LGBTQ+ community.

A Theme That Celebrates Unity and Diversity: "Patchwork of Pride" highlights the beauty, strength, and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community. Like a patchwork quilt created from diverse and colorful pieces, our community's rich tapestry is formed by unique identities, experiences, and cultures. Together, these elements create a powerful reminder of the strength found in diversity and unity.

Today- Honoring Our Progress: This theme encourages us to celebrate the progress made as a community. It's an opportunity to reflect on milestones, honor the contributions of activists and allies, and take pride in the vibrant culture we share.

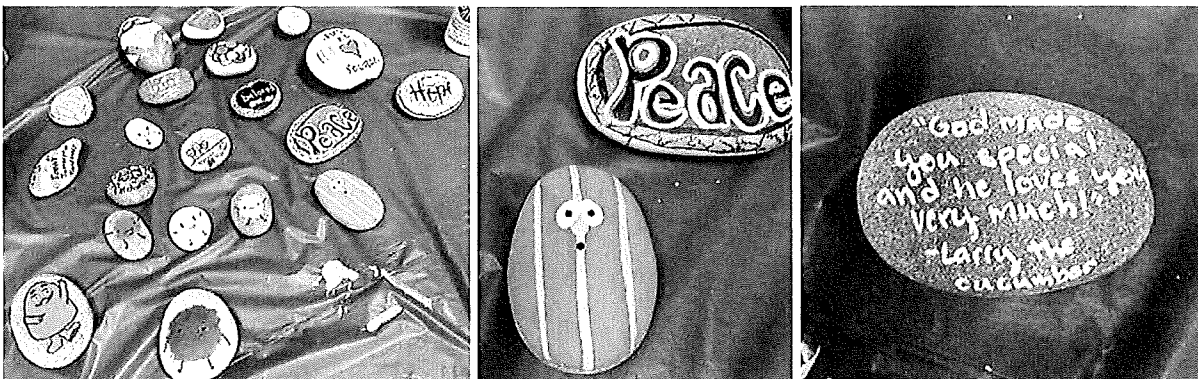
Tomorrow- Building an Inclusive Future: Looking forward, "Patchwork of Pride" emphasizes the importance of continued advocacy for LGBTQ+ rights. It calls on all members and allies to work toward a future of greater inclusivity and equity.

Together-Strength in Solidarity: Above all, this theme underscores the power of unity. By standing together and embracing our differences, we create a supportive network that uplifts every individual within the LGBTQ+ community.

Mark your calendars for June 6-7, and join us in celebrating the "Patchwork of Pride" that defines our shared journey. Together, let's honor the past, learn from the present, and build a brighter tomorrow.




ALSO...HELP US MAKE PRIDE ROCKS @ FBC DAYTON

One of the really popular and appreciated items we give away at our booth at Dayton Pride have been Pride Rocks—i.e., painted rocks with beautiful images and words of affirmation. Rev. Dr. Karen Johnson has been tremendously helpful in making and providing these in recent years, but we'd like to invite others to join in this creative endeavor. There are rocks and painting supplies available on a table in the parlor next to the fellowship hall, where folks of all ages can make pride rocks for us to hand out at the summer festival. Thanks in advance for your help!








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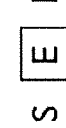


The Bible has many names for Jesus. Here are five:

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Use the letters inside squares to make a new word.

Write the new word inside the squares below.

Repeat this for the letters inside circles and the letters inside triangles. Read the completed sentence. We can speak for Jesus whenever we:



Dear Jesus, help me to speak for you
by loving others. Amen

This week

Teach someone your favorite song about Jesus.



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the third Sunday of Easter. Some people decorate their worship space with budding branches to celebrate Jesus' new life at Easter. How is your worship space decorated today?



Change this bare branch into one filled with flowers and new leaves. The new leaves and flowers at springtime remind us of our new life, too.

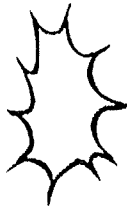
hear & celebrate

Meet Saul-turned-Paul

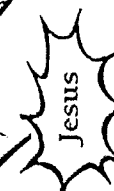
Acts 9:1-6

Write the words from the bottom of the page inside their matching shapes in the story.

Saul's job was to put Jesus' followers in jail. Saul traveled to different places to find them. On one trip, a bright light from heaven flashed around Saul, and he fell to the ground. A voice said to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you hurt me?" Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?" He heard someone say:



The voice continued: "Get up and go into the city. You will be told what to do." Soon after that, Saul changed his name to Paul and became one of Jesus' followers. He started many new churches. Paul traveled to many countries to spread the good news of Jesus.



Speak! Sing!

Jesus spoke to Paul in a very bright light. Today Jesus speaks through our words. What can you say about Jesus? What can someone sitting with you say?



Jesus speaks through our singing voices, too. Do you have a favorite song about Jesus? Write some of the song's words in the space below.

