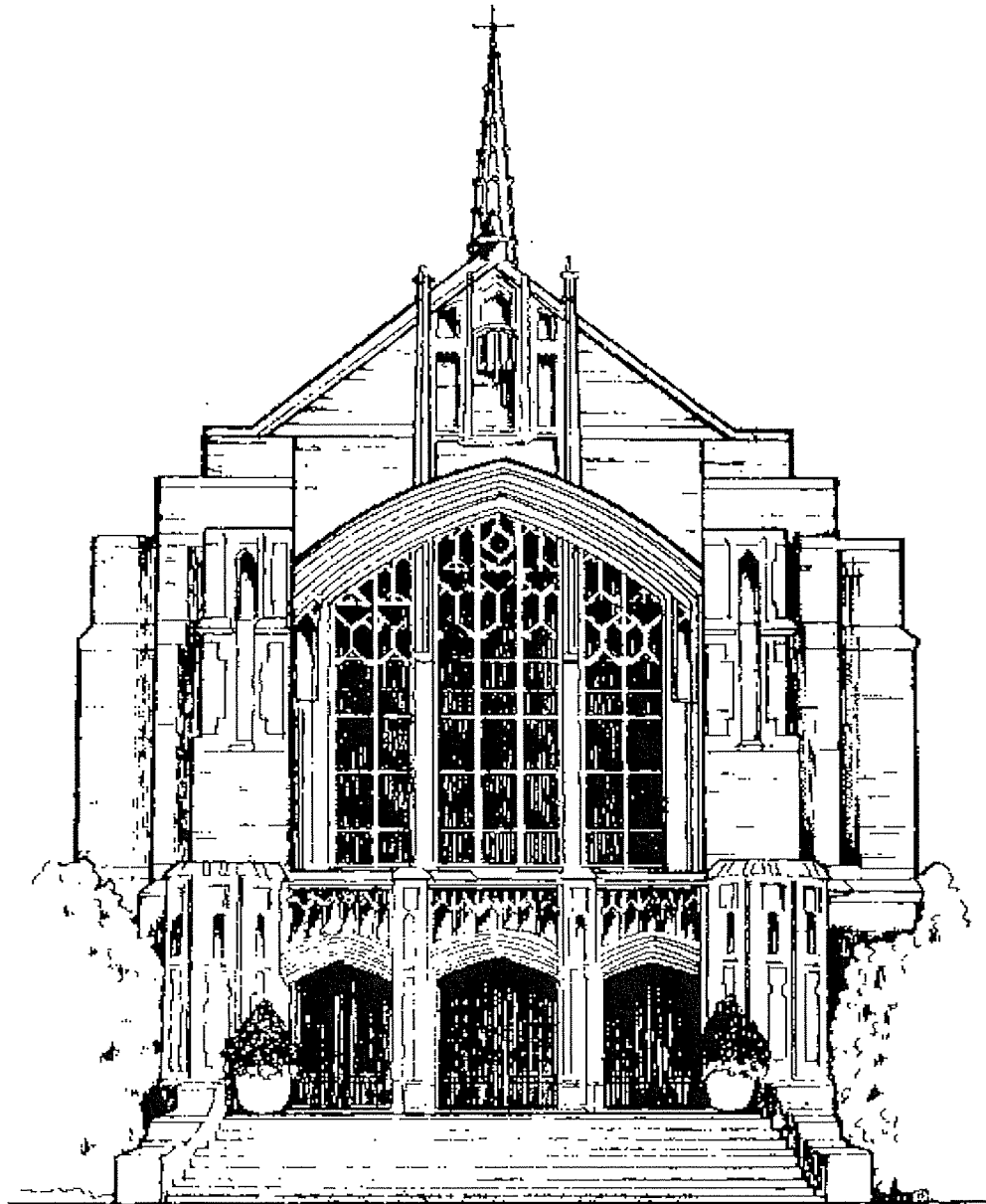


First Baptist Church of Dayton
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ
through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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The First Baptist Church at Worship
18th Sunday After Pentecost
September 27, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Preludes on "Aurelia" and "Down Ampney" Paul Bunjes; Henry G. Ley
"O Jesus, Grant Us Hope and Comfort" J. W. Franck
"O God, Thou Faithful God" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Highest Place Ramon Pink

*We place You in the highest place.
For You are the great High Priest.
We place You high above all else, all else;
And we come to You and worship at Your feet.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#692 Let Truth and Mercy Find Here
AURELIA

Ken Medema, born in Grand Rapids, Michigan is a song writer, composer, recording artist, and storyteller through music. Blind from birth, Ken began playing the piano at age five and studied classical music by reading Braille. He graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School and studied music therapy at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. As a music therapist in both Indiana and New Jersey, he began writing songs for hurting teenagers, an experience that helped to launch a career of writing songs on Christian life that has taken him to venues large and small all over North America and beyond. He responds to what he hears and sees in his heart at particular events, often improvising songs on the spot, offering compassion, honesty and desire for integrity in both worship and life.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

PASSING THE PEACE (*A time to greet one another*)

*DOXOLOGY

#706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD 100TH, alt.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Celebration of Holy Baptism

(Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis)

Pamela Lynch

Faith Partner: Debbie Smith

Malachi Richie

Faith Partner: Clark Whittaker

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Romans 6:4)

"Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-13

Rev. David Coggins

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21: 23-32

Barry Schlaile

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from

heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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. 9-10)

God Will Take Care of You
GOD CARES

The hymn assures us that God will take care of our needs. We need not be dismayed, because "God will take care of you." "Through days of toil" we can be assured that "God will take care of you." When in need, we can be assured that God will provide. Be not dismayed whatever betide, God will take care of you!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Coggins

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

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

**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

"Thy Will Be Done" Joyce Elaine Eilers

*Sometimes the load is heavy, and sometimes the road is long. And sometimes, Lord,
this heart of mine is not so very strong. But thy will be done Lord. Thy will be done.*

Father, I do not ask you to take this cup from me. I only ask your guidance over paths I cannot see, and thy will be done Lord. Thy will be done. 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 of the glory forever. Amen. Now Lord I feel you near me. I feel your guarding power and know you're standing by me through every passing hour, and thy will be done Lord, thy will be done.

SERMON

Rev. Alsbaugh

"To Will and To Work"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#272 They'll Know We Are Christians
ST. BRENDAN'S

Originally published in the *Hymnal for Young Christians*, the song by Catholic priest Peter Raymond Scholtes connects participation in communal singing with the charge and benediction to the gathered assembly. The hymn becomes a sung theology of discipleship and action at the congregation's sending. Each subsequent stanza reflects on the "what" of the community's life together using present participles: walking hand in hand, working together, and praising together. The stanzas are anchored by the repeated refrain.

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:

Pamela Lynch

*Pamela joins the church by Baptism.
Her faith partner is Debbie Smith.*

Malachi Richie

*Malachi joins the church by Baptism.
His faith partner is Clark Whittaker.*

Receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship

Deacon: My friends, in the presence of God and these witnesses, having professed your faith in Jesus Christ, do you now give yourself unreservedly to Christ's service, and enter into the fellowship, the joys, and the responsibilities of membership in this church?

Response: I do.

Congregation: As members of this church, we gladly welcome you into the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Jesus Christ. We promise to walk with you in Christian love and sympathy, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the Christian life.

Deacon: "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into the Holy temple of the Lord."

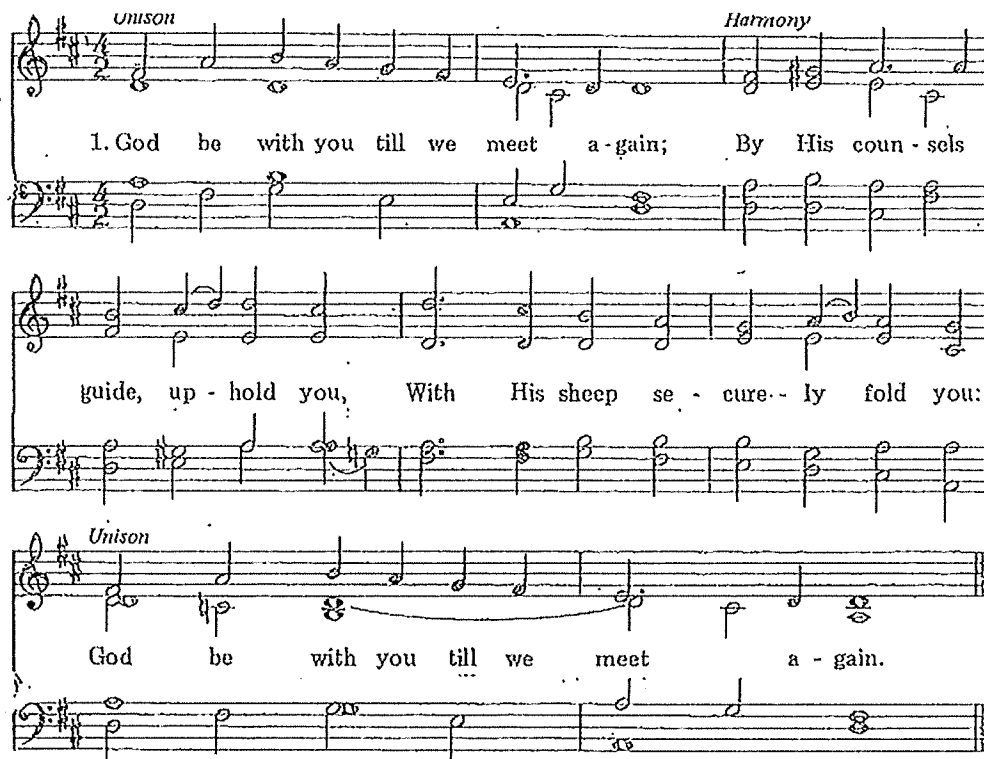
(Ephesians 2:12-21)

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Alspaugh

*SUNG BENEDICTION

God Be with You
Ralph Vaughan Williams



Unison Harmony

1. God be with you till we meet a-gain; By His coun-sels
guide, up-hold you, With His sheep se-cure-ly fold you:
God be with you till we meet a-gain.

(During the postlude you're invited to come up and greet our new members.)

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 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.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.)

Bayless Family	Bill Harrell	Anita Suro
Harriet Berghuis	Debbie Harshman	Veghte Family
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Harold West
Gail Bowman	Gene Lee	Brett Whittaker
Dana Brewer	Vincent Liss	Sharon Wingham
Daniel Brown	Patty Loxley	
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Military Duty:
Gerald Busch	Shirley Nash	Sebastian Ewald
June Collier	Susan Parent	Sunny Ewald
Merriann Craig	Petry Family	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Cress	Judy See	Kyle Kline
Pamela Cress	Judy Smith	Will Radachi
Lavanda Ferguson	Joanne Stephens	Juan Rodriguez
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

Mission Board Presentation Today

At the end of coffee fellowship today the Mission Board will have a short presentation on Mission giving priorities to be followed by a time of feedback. Please join us!

Pastor David's Reflection Book

In honor of Pastor David Coggins' 50th anniversary of his ordination, we have a reflection book that will be available in Fellowship Hall for you to share a memory or note of congratulations. The book will be available through September for you to sign.



First Baptist Church of Dayton Ohio presents

University of Notre Dame Glee Club

In Concert on Saturday, October 24 at 7:30pm

In Service on Sunday, October 25 at 10am

First Baptist Church of Dayton will host the world-renowned Notre Dame Glee Club in concert on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 7:30pm, and the Glee Club will worship with us on Sunday morning, October 25 during the 10am service. **Housing Needed!** If you can help house some of the Glee Club members for one night in your home or hotel, 2 or more singers, please contact the church office at 937-222-4691 or email fbc@fbcd Dayton.org or see William Caldwell.

Educational Outing

The Michael & Debbie Carter Center for American History: Our American Journey

Saturday, October 10 @ 10:30am-Noon

With our nation's 250th anniversary in mind, our Board of Christian Education has arranged for a tour of the Carter Center located on Sinclair Community College's Dayton Campus. This immersive exhibit is dedicated to telling underrepresented stories of American history. Through artifacts, multimedia displays, and curated narratives, the Center highlights the experiences, contributions, and resilience of Americans from the era of enslavement through the civil rights movement and beyond.

The plan will be to meet up at the Carter Center for a tour starting at 10:30am, which will take 1-1 1/2 hours. Parking is free, and directions are below. RSVP's are helpful, but not required. Just email Pastor Jason at jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org if you plan to come and/or have any questions.

Directions to The Carter Center and parking: The Michael and Debbie Carter Center for American History: Our American Journey is located on Sinclair's Dayton Campus, 444 W. Third St. Dayton, OH 45402. Parking is available in Lot C, located under Building 12. Use this address in your GPS to locate Lot C: **12 W. Fourth St. Dayton, OH 45402**. Parking passes will be provided to use when exiting the parking lot. Plan to park on the south end of the garage, closest to the entrance. Locate the "Building 11 Elevator," which is on the south end of the garage. Take the elevator to the third floor. Upon exiting the elevator, turn right, then left, and you will see The Carter Center. Sinclair College Map and Parking: <https://www.sinclair.edu/about/visit/maps-directions/>

Adult Sunday School

Bible Study: The Letter to the Romans

Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh (et al)

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

September 13-November 15

1st Floor – Chapel

In this class we will make use of J.R. Daniel Kirk's commentary, *Romans for Normal People*, part of a larger project—*The Bible for Normal People*—which envisions “a world where people engage with the Bible freely, without fear or guilt—where questions are welcome and scholarship is accessible. Additionally, and perhaps inevitably, we will consider a variety of other study resources (video, podcasts, etc.) to help us engage with the biblical text.

Along with Pastor Jason, participants will be invited to help facilitate our times of discussion and reflection themselves, as we make our way through *Romans*, with the intention of building some confidence for leading and engaging in Bible study. But no pressure! And there are no prerequisites. Whether you are new to the Bible or have been reading and studying it for years, this class can be for you. If you plan to be a part of this class, please let Pastor Jason know so we can be sure to order enough commentaries/guides (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Coffee & Cookie Social Time at One Lincoln Park

Next Social: October 7, 2026

Monthly - 1st Wednesday from 2:00-3:30pm

590 Isaac Prugh Way, Kettering 45429

On the first Wednesday of the month, you're invited to drop in at One Lincoln Park for the monthly coffee/cookie social time for our members who reside there. We currently have 4 members residing there: Linda Ginter Brown, Gerald Busch, Bill Harrell, and Ken Taylor. Stop in to say hello! **Upcoming dates:** Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2. Contact Mary Herbert with questions: 937-388-8000.

An Invitation from the Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton!

RELIGION & VIOLENCE IN PEACE AND WAR

How the sacred writings of interfaith traditions are our guides.

Sunday, October 11 at 4pm

First Baptist Church of Dayton

(Vegetarian refreshments will be available.)

About the Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton: IFGD celebrates and honors the rich traditions of diversity in the Dayton area. The IFGD opposes oppression on the basis of race, ethnic background, gender or religious affiliation. The group opposes the teaching of hate or dissemination of misinformation about any group of people, and welcomes everyone interested in promoting interfaith harmony.

Building Bridges Bible Study

Thursday Mornings @ 7:30-8:30am

Wholly Grounds Coffee Shop

825 Wayne Ave.

Our Thursday morning Bible study has resumed. Each week Pastor Jason convenes a group for spirited discussion and reflection on one of the Scripture passages from the Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday, making connections and applications to current events. Many of us have been doing this for years, but it's an open gathering and anyone can join us anytime.

If you have ideas for future studies or have an interest in facilitating and/or being a part of a new small group, for Sunday mornings or otherwise, please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Starts October 1st

Thursday Evening BYF Gatherings @ 6-8pm

Our weekly gathering time for our Baptist Youth Fellowship is back this fall! Starting on October 1, we will meet every Thursday at 6-8pm at the church (unless otherwise noted). Gatherings will include a fun theme/activity (sundaes, art, service, karaoke, improv, etc.), fellowship, food, and a spirituality/spiritual practice component. We will still have other occasional activities/outings at other times, including Sundays, but this would be our most regular gathering time.

Help Wanted! If you would like to provide dinner for one of our Thursday Gatherings, and/or host a gathering at your home sometime, please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org).

Time to Update BYF Medical-Transportation Forms

Youth are always welcome to invite friends, but (as always) we'll want everyone to have a completed and signed BYF medical-transportation form on file (available on the table outside the church office). **Also, if any medical or contact info has changed within the last year, please fill out a new form for your youth(s).**

Ed & Laura Rhodes Coming to Town!

Ed and Laura Rhodes are planning a trip to Dayton from California and will be at church on Sunday, October 4. They would like to visit with everyone during Coffee Fellowship time on that Sunday!

FELLOWSHIP HYMN

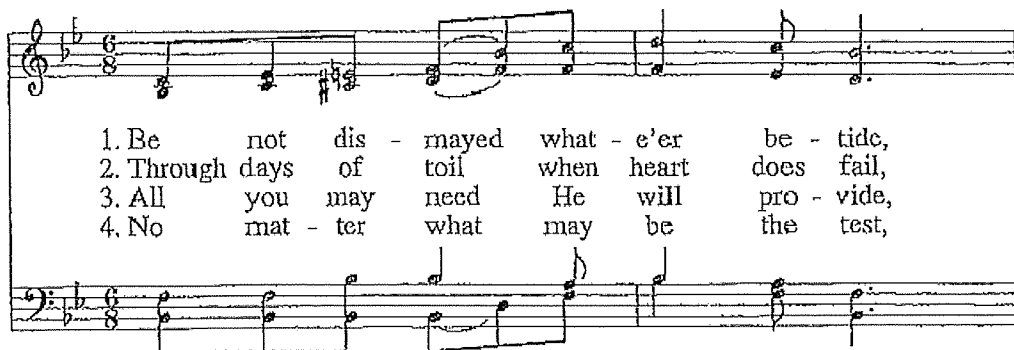
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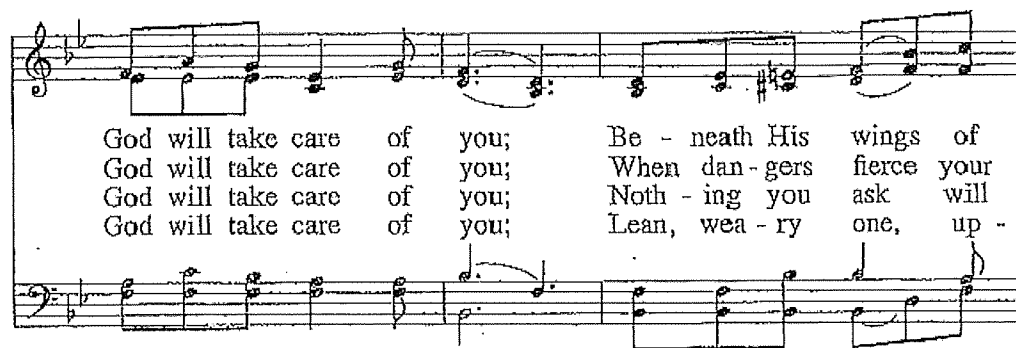
God Will Take Care of You

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7



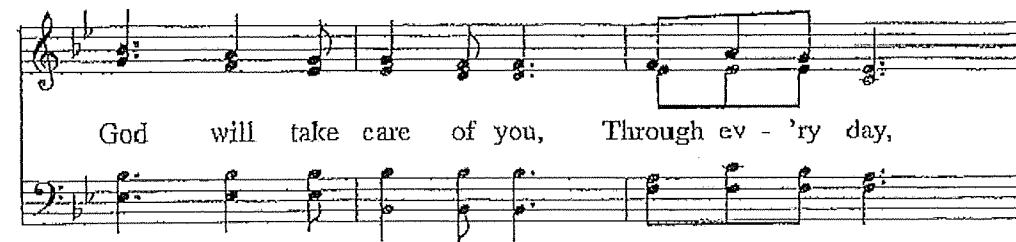
1. Be not dis - mayed what - e'er be - tide,
 2. Through days of toil when heart does fail,
 3. All you may need He will pro - vide,
 4. No mat - ter what may be the test,



God will take care of you; Be - neath His wings of
 God will take care of you; When dan - gers fierce your
 God will take care of you; Noth - ing you ask will
 God will take care of you; Lean, wea - ry one, up -



love a - bide, God will take care of you.
 path as - sail, God will take care of you.
 be de - nied, God will take care of you.
 on His breast, God will take care of you.



God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day,

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, featuring a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding vocal lines. The first system contains the first two lines of the verse. The second system contains the third line of the verse and the first line of the chorus. The lyrics are: 'O'er all the way; He will take care of you, of you. God will take care take care of you. of you.'

O'er all the way; He will take care of you,
of you.
God will take care take care of you.
of you.

Text: Civilla D. Martin, 1869-1948
Tune: GOD CARES, CM with refrain; W. Stillman Martin, 1862-1935

Send

Following Jesus, doing God's work

We can all follow Jesus and do God's work, yet be very different people. When you finish these lists, are they the same as anyone else's? Keep doing what you love to help others! God loves you for you!

I am good at...

What are 3 ways you might do God's work? [Check the other lists for ideas!]

I love doing....

My 3 favorite foods are...



Oh God, thanks for loving me.
Help me do what I believe. Amen.

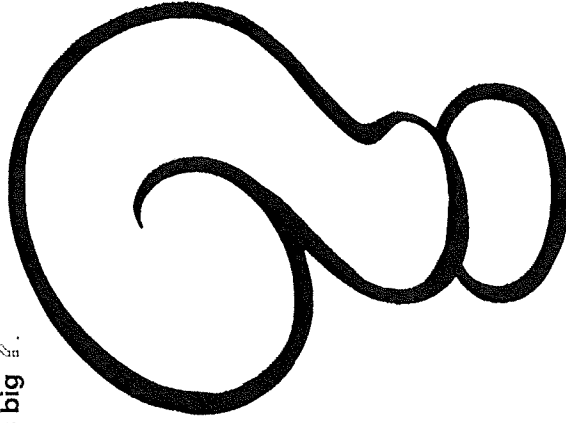
This week

What does your family believe? What is important to you?
Create a family creed together.



gather

Welcome to worship. In today's gospel reading people ask Jesus questions. Listen for questions today. **Each time you hear a question in the reading make a ? inside this big ?**



My question for Jesus: _____

What question would Jesus ask you? _____

hear & celebrate

I believe

Matthew 21:23-32

What do you believe about God and Jesus? Christians in many places say what they believe each week in the creed. Listen for the words *I believe* during worship—that's the creed!

What kinds of things show what you believe about God and Jesus? Search the picture and mark any God-Jesus reminders with a cross [there are at least 11], then quietly tell someone else why you marked what you did. Look for people, places, and things.

