

The First Baptist Church at Worship

4th Sunday After Pentecost

July 10, 2011

10:30 AM

(Please read as a preparation for worship.)

"It is interesting to me to note that those who most frequently call for fair play are those who are advantaged by the play as it currently is, and that only when that position of privilege is endangered are they likely to benefit from the change required to 'play by the rules.' What if the 'rules' are inherently unfair or simply wrong, or a greater good is to be accomplished by changing them? When the gospel says, 'The last will be first, and the first will be last,' despite the fact it is counterintuitive to our cultural presuppositions, it is invariably good news to those who are last, and at least problematic news to those who see themselves as first." ~ Rev. Dr. Peter J. Gomes

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

Gospel Hymns of Grace settings by Letha Cole
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
The Haven of Rest
What a Wonderful Savior!
All that Thrills My Soul Is Jesus
There Is a Name I Love to Hear

In Praise to the Lord

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever.

People: With our mouths let us proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Your steadfast love is established forever, O God!

People: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens!

Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD!

People: Your faithfulness in the gathering of your holy people!

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#34 *Word of God, Across the Ages*
AUSTRIAN HYMN

Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, native of New Jersey was pastor of the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church in Cleveland. He wrote our opening hymn in 1953 reminding us of the timelessness and universality of God's word through Jesus' teaching.

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#343 *His Name Is Wonderful*
MIEIR

**His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,**

**His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He; bow down before Him,
love and adore Him, His name is Wonderful,
Jesus, my Lord.**

*WELCOME & PASSING OF PEACE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Please register your attendance by filling out a yellow card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag this morning.)

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand,
and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

CELEBRATION OF JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Dorian Glover, leader

1 Corinthians 13, adapted

Leader: If we speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love, *we are noisy gongs or clanging cymbals.*

People: And if we have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if we have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, we are nothing.

Leader: If we give away all *our* possessions, and if we hand over *our bodies* so that we may boast, but do not have love, we gain nothing.

People: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

Leader: It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

People: It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Leader: Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

People: For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

Leader: When *we were children, we spoke like children, we thought like children, we reasoned like children; when we became adults, we put an end to childish ways.*

People: For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Leader: Now we know only in part; then we will know fully, even as we have been fully known.

ALL: And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Brad Pipenger, clarinet

Sarabande from BWV 1007 J. S. Bach

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jim Earnest

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16: For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Glory be to you, O Lord.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#509 *Trust and Obey*
TRUST AND OBEY

Presbyterian minister J. H. Sammis wrote this hymn in 1887 pointing out that as faithful Christians we must learn to trust in the Lord and take Jesus' teachings seriously enough to obey God's word.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ray Landis

(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#234 *Spirit of the Living God*
Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me:
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts & Debtors)*

Pastor: As we look for the coming of the kingdom, so we pray:

ALL: 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 SERMON Rev. Jason Alspaugh

“Does Love Win?”

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

Amazing Grace John Newton

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #672 v.1 *All Things Are Yours*
GERMANY

**All things are Yours: we make that true
when we return our gifts to You;
and so we give, and so we share,
in Christ's strong name expressing care.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Dorian Glover

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #618 *Love Lifted Me*
SAFETY

The Beatles, well known British rock band, wrote an equally well known song, "All You Need Is Love." Many years before the Beatles an Irish born American, James Rowe, penned similar words with a similar message. The love of Jesus in our lives gives us a tremendous lift, able to takes us from the depths of despair into living with eternal joy.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #521 *Go With Us, Lord*
TALLIS' CANON

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in Your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to You.**

*POSTLUDE Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

To God Be the Glory William Doane
setting by Mickelson - Atwood



Worship Notes

Today's off-lectionary Gospel Lesson is Matthew 20:1-16. In this parable, the landowner (i.e., God) is seen by many as unfair, paying every worker the same wage regardless of the amount of work each has done. Does this image of God offend you? Is God unfair? Perhaps the kingdom of heaven (i.e., the kingdom of God) has less to do with fairness and more to do with God's generosity...

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping 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.



Welcome to All

- ✓ **Before Worship:** Children arriving with parents or grandparents at the 9:00 Sunday School hour may go downstairs to Room 3 for activities. A reminder to parents and grandparents: please pick up your children no later than 10:15 to give everyone enough time to prepare for worship.
- ✓ **Visiting the church today?** Here's an invitation! Please join the congregation for Coffee Fellowship immediately after the service. We hope you'll stop by the Visitor's Table, say hello, and meet a few members of First Baptist Church.
- ✓ If you are visiting, **please register your attendance** on a yellow information card and fill in any needs or concerns you might have. Members are also asked to sign the information card. Prayer concerns or event registrations may be marked on these cards.
- ✓ **Childcare** for infants through two years of age is available during worship and church school and is located in the West hallway. For your peace of mind, our nursery is equipped with a call-system that allows nursery caregivers to page our ushers should there be a need to contact the parents of an infant or toddler.
- ✓ All children are invited to come forward for the **Children's Message**. Following the message the children will be led downstairs for **Sunday School**. Young children (preK-K) will go to Room #4 and children (grades 1-4) will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service. If you have questions or comments, please speak with Rev. Jason Alspaugh.



Prayers of the People

Barbara Babb	Wilma Landis	Don Rosenbeck
Ruth Balas	Phil Lilly	Dawn Shirley
Margaret Barker	Jennifer Loxley	Dawn Smelser
Charles Blake	Patty Loxley	Judy Smith
Mark Buonassissi	Rita Marcum	Marion Stoner
Andy Collier	Nickie McDonald	Peter Thomson
Lisa Collier	Giovanna McQuillen	Carol Townsel
Jack Coggins	Melissa Mikesell	Warren Williams
Mary Coyer	Marilyn Sue Miller	Military Duty:
Jim Earnest	Robert Paloncy	Michael Coggins
Louella Fenner	Phyllis Pfersich	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Carrie Louese Ganger	Nancy Piatt	Jeffrey Kennedy
Jane Halliday	Peggy Piatt	Derrick McClain
David Hoffman	Will Radachi	Chris West
Joyce Johnson	Ed & Laura Rhodes	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

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Our Mission Statement:

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

Dr. Rodney Wallace Kennedy, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Jason Alspaugh, *Associate Pastor Children & Youth*
Rev. C. Roland Marcus, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. James Earnest, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
Ryan Gade, *Pastor Intern*
Ray Landis, *Music Director*
Gregory Land, *Organist*
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