

# The First Baptist Church at Worship

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

July 17, 2011

10:30 AM

*(Please read as a preparation for worship.)*

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs –  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

- Gerard Manley Hopkins, "God's Grandeur"

What would the world be, once bereft  
Of Wet and wildness? Let them be left,  
O let them be left, wildness and wet;  
Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet.

- Gerard Manley Hopkins, "Inversnaid"

## The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

Debbie Lindley, Pianist

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

*Breathe On Me* ..... McKinney  
*Glorify Thy Name* ..... Adkins/Beethoven  
*Pass It On* ..... Kaiser  
*Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place* ..... Wolfe

## In Praise to the Lord

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

*Written in 1747 by the "sweet bard of Methodism" Charles Wesley, our opening hymn touches various elements of our faith. From the limitless love of God and our desire to be filled with that love, to our growth in faith and ability to love one another, this text has been one of the most venerable in Christendom.*

\*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jim Earnest

**Show us your mercy, O Lord;**  
And grant us your salvation.  
**Clothe your ministers with righteousness;**

Let your people sing with joy.

**Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;**

For only in you can we live in safety.

**Lord, keep this nation under your care;**

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

**Let your way be known upon earth;**

Your saving health among all nations.

**Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;**

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

**Create in us clean hearts, O God;**

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

\*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

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*(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.)*

## Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Dorian Glover

**Genesis 28:10-19a:** Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran.

He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALTER LESSON

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

**Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24:** O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Dorian Glover

**Romans 8:18-25:** I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Dorian Glover

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

**People: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43:** He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed

are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

**\*A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE**

**Mary Gilbert**  
*July 20, 1929 – July 7, 2011*

**\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #96 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***  
HOUSTON

*Kathleen Thomerson is organist and music director at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. She wrote and composed our fellowship hymn in 1966 containing a prayer for all Christians to turn from life's darkness and walk in the warmth of God's light.*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Johnelle Kennedy

*(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.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN** Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*During these Sundays after Pentecost while the United States and its allies are at war in Afghanistan and Iraq, we use the ancient Penitential Order, mindful for repentance and praying for the life of the world and for peace. Our confession of sin is directly related to living in a country at war.*

PASTOR: Since we have a high great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need (*Hebrews 4:14-16*).

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

PASTOR: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. C. Roland Marcus  
**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Debts & Debtors*)

**THE SERMON** Dr. Rodney Kennedy  
**"Long Live the Weeds"**

**The Response of God's People**

**THE OFFERTORY** Debbie Lindley  
*His Eye Is On the Sparrow* ..... Gabriel

**\*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** #637 *Guide My Feet*  
GUIDE MY FEET

*As we leave this place our closing hymn is a prayer for God to guide us, uphold us, stand with us, and open our hearts so that we can walk in the light and love divinely.*

**\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL** Dr. Rod Kennedy

**\*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.**

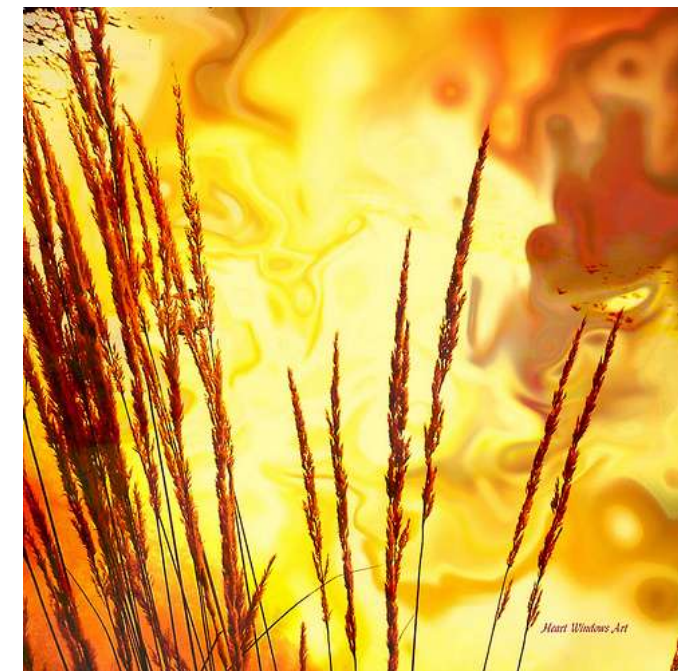
**\*POSTLUDE** Debbie Lindley  
*Allegro Doxologia* ..... arr. Sharp



(Please see insert for announcements.)

# First Baptist Church of Dayton

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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*  
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