

The First Baptist Church at Worship

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 31, 2011

10:30 AM

(Please read as a preparation for worship.)

A plaque with the following poem is inside the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty:

*"Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

(Emma Lazarus)

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

Debbie Lindley, Pianist

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

O How He Loves You and Me Kurt Kaiser
As the Deer with O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go..... arr. Cindy Berry
Shepherd of My Heart Baldwin/Tunney
Sweet Hour of Prayer William Bradbury

In Praise to the Lord

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens
but we are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God.
**But we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people**
in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#354 *Praise Him! Praise Him!*
JOYFUL SONG

Of the thousands of gospel hymns written by Fanny Crosby, this is one of the best known and one of the liveliest. Written in 1869 the words remind us that praising our Lord is required of our hearts and spirits, bringing joy to both!

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*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.)

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

YMCA Teens In Action
Feed Dayton (Ken Carman)

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE PSALTER

Camilla Black

Psalm 17:1-7

Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do;
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
**O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Camilla Black

Romans 9:1-5: I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit--I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jim Earnest

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.
People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Matthew 14:13-21: Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#631 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*
DONNA

Scottish pastor George Matheson, afflicted by blindness and abandoned by friends, penned these words in 1882. In even our darkest hours we can count on God's love to help us through to the light of our brightest days.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Radachi

(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 AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

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 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.

God mend our nation's every flaw.
 Confirm our souls in self-control.
 May God our gold refine
 Till all success be nobleness
 And every gain divine!
 Till selfish gain no longer stain
 The banner of the free!
 Till nobler men keep once again
 Thy whiter jubilee!

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us unto eternal life. Amen.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING Summer Choir
Sing to Him a Song of Praise Cindy Berry

THE SERMON Dr. Rodney Kennedy
"How Big Is Our Heart?"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY Debbie Lindley
Tone Poem on "Satisfied" arr. Halberg
*I have found Him whom my soul so long has craved!
 Jesus satisfies my longings; through His blood I now am saved.*

*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 Camilla Black

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 #519 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*
ASH GROVE
Omer Westendorf was a Catholic choir director in Cincinnati who became one of the most prolific lyricists in the Roman Catholic Church. Prior to his death in 1997 he brought several melodies home from Europe after service in World War II, writing lyrics for them. Written in 1964 our closing hymn is perhaps his best known.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Dr. Rodney 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
When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. Berry



Worship Notes

Today is the 7th Sunday after Pentecost. In the reading from Genesis, Jacob struggles with God, and we are reminded that we too are limping into the future struggling over our understandings of God, faith, church, and nation. In the reading from the Psalms, the psalmist cries to the Lord, "Weigh my heart." What an interesting concept that God, with the scales of justice and mercy, can weigh our hearts to discover if we are a people with big hearts. The reading from Romans 9 is a gut-wrenching prayer of a man broken-hearted for his people: "I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart," prays St. Paul. The passage from Matthew shows, on the one hand, a group of disciples who are paralyzed by a sense of scarcity and a Savior who demonstrates abundance. All of these readings can be gathered into the question, "How Big Is Our Heart?"

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.



Prayers of the People

Barbara Babb	Wilma Landis	Don Rosenbeck
Margaret Barker	Phil Lilly	Dawn Shirley
Charles Blake	Jennifer Loxley	Dawn Smelser
Mark Buonassissi	Patty Loxley	Judy Smith
Jack Coggins	Rita Marcum	Marion Stoner
Andy Collier	Nickie McDonald	Peter Thomson
Lisa Collier	Giovanna McQuillen	Wheeler Family
Carol Combs	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
Dee Jackson	Ed & Laura Rhodes	Chris West
Joyce Johnson	Harold Rose	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

(Please see insert for announcements.)

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*"Jacob wrestles with an angel"
 by Eduard Karl Franz von Gebhardt, c. early 1900s*

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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