

The First Baptist Church at Worship
6th Sunday of Easter / Founder's Sunday

May 29, 2011 10:30 AM

Please read while listening to the Prelude as preparation for worship:

[Certain experiences] leave us wondering whether Christ can be more than Christianity. Or even other than Christianity. Can it be that the teachings of the gospel are embedded and can be found in reality itself rather than being exclusively isolated in sacred texts and our interpretations of these texts? If the answer is yes, can it be that they are embedded in other stories, other peoples' histories, and even other religions? - Samir Selmanovic in *An Emergent Manifesto of Hope*

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE Gregory Land, Organist
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

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

Faith of Our Fathers "St. Catherine" by H. F. Henry
Eternal Father, Strong to Save "Melita" by J. B. Dykes, 1861
My Country, 'Tis of Thee Anonymous, setting by B. J. Chatham
Onward Christian Soldiers Arthur S. Sullivan

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir
Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious - #220

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #19 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
FOREST GREEN

Revolutionary English hymn writer Isaac Watts penned these words in 1715 in a collection of hymns for young people. Watts paints vivid pictures of God's power in nature to remind us of God's power in our lives.

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. C. Roland Marcus

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #208 *He Is Lord*
HE IS LORD

**He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is 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.)

RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Luann Meador
Church Moderator

As each name is spoken, the fifty-year members are asked
to stand and to remain standing (if able)
until the entire list has been recited.

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Tim Holmen

Acts 17:22-31 (NT pg. 137 in the pew Bible)

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

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Voices of Praise Susan Boersma/Craig Courtney

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Jason Alspaugh

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

John 14:15-21 (NT pg. 109 in the pew Bible)

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

*A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Evelyn Weaver
July 20, 1909 – May 21, 2011

Frances Taylor
May 24, 1920 – April 24, 2011

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #232 *Holy Spirit, Come Upon Me*
JOYFUL SINGING

Hymn writer, lyricist and special education teacher Jan McGuire teamed with contemporary composer Hal Hopson to create our fellowship hymn. In our singing, we are praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit's perfect peace, presence and mighty power.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(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 #387 v. 1 *God Who Made Us...*
GALILEE

**God who made us, Christ who calls us,
breath who guides us in the Way,
Hear the humble words we whisper as we dare to bow and pray.**

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. C. Roland Marcus
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Debts and debtors*)

THE SERMON Dr. Rodney Kennedy
"Can Smart People Believe in God?"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY Greg Land & Debbie Lindley
"Be Still My Soul" from *Finlandia* Jean Sibelius
setting by Karrin Ford

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #653 v.1 *Lord, You Give ...*
BEECHER

**Lord, You give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Tim Holmen

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 #517 *Go Forth for God*
GENEVA

British priest and hymn writer J. R. Peacey gave us these words in 1968. As we leave this place we are reminded that we are to live our daily lives in peace, love and joy, going forth for God.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #513 *Go Now In Peace*
EARTH AND STARS (abridged)

**Go now in peace. Worship is ending;
service begins as you go from this place.
Taught by God's Word, safe in God's tending,
hold to the path that will run the good race.**

*POSTLUDE Greg Land & Debbie Lindley
God of Our Fathers "National Hymn"
by George W. Warren, 1892



**The flowers today are in honor of the Kohnle family, members since 1939,
and honoring Tom's 50th year and Sharon's 5th year
at First Baptist Church.**

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Chapel, located in the Beaver Wing. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a Service of Healing will be held in the Chapel. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

Worship Notes

Paul's preaching before the philosophers at Athens is a remarkable sermon because he never talks about Jesus. Does this strike us as odd? Aren't we

supposed to bear witness to Jesus? What does this suggest to us about talking to others in a secular world? Should we pay more attention to the audience than our message? Should we adapt our message to meet the audience? If so, how do we make sure we are being faithful to the Gospel? In our culture, there's a sense that smart people no longer believe in God. Indeed, some of the brightest people in the world identify themselves as atheists. How do we preach the gospel to smart people?

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	Judy Smith
Ruth Balas	Jennifer Loxley	Marion Stoner
Margaret Barker	Patty Loxley	Peter Thomson
Charles Blake	Giovanna McQuillen	Nickie Van Hoose
Andy Collier	Melissa Mikesell	Warren Williams
Lisa Collier	Marilyn Sue Miller	Military Duty:
Jack Coggins	Robert Paloncy	Michael Coggins
Mary Coyer	Phyllis Pfersich	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Louella Fenner	Will Radachi	Jeffrey Kennedy
Carrie Louese Ganger	Cliff Rhodes	Derrick McClain
Jane Halliday	Don Rosenbeck	Bryan Venys
David Hoffman	Dawn Shirley	Chris West
Joyce Johnson	Dawn Smelser	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Founder's Day

Today we honor our 50+ year members of First Baptist Church. 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. You are invited to a special reception in fellowship hall after worship today.

Week of May 29 – June 5

Sun. 29	9:00a	.....	Sunday School
	10:30a	.....	Founder's Sunday – Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion/Healing Svc
	11:45a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
Mon. 30		.....	Church Office Closed – Memorial Day
Tue. 31	6:00p	.....	FBC Softball Game (<i>Rotary Park</i>)
Wed. 1	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
Thu. 2	7:30a	.....	Breaking Barriers (<i>Boston Stoker</i>)
	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 3	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
	7:00p	.....	BYF Lock-In begins (concludes 9am Sat.)
Sun. 5	9:00a	.....	Sunday School
	10:30a	.....	Worship & Communion Service
	11:45a	.....	Coffee Fellowship

BYF Lock-In – June 3-4

We are planning to host an end-of-the-school-year-lock-in here at First Baptist from 7pm on Friday, June 3rd until 9am on Saturday, June 4th. *You're invited to bring your friends!* HOWEVER, EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU must have a completed Medical/Transportation Form filled out prior to the lock-in in order to participate (please see Rev. Jason).

Education/Youth Sunday – June 5

We will recognize graduates and Sunday School teachers during worship on Sunday, June 5th, and we plan to have lots of youth involvement and leadership in worship as well. Be sure to invite friends and family to this special day, and if you know of anyone graduating from high school, college, etc. this year, please notify the church office (937) 222-4691 or email information to fbccdayton.org. **Please include the institution of learning, the area of study, and the degree or certification.**

Northern Fellowship Cookout – June 7

The Northern Fellowship Annual Evening Cookout is planned for Tuesday, June 7. Everyone is welcome and invited for an informal evening. We will meet at the Five Rivers Metro Park shelter overlooking the fishing area off Old Springfield Road. Grill will be ready to cook your favorite meat at about 6:00pm. Bring your own meat to grill, a covered dish to share, your own table service, beverage, and lawn chairs. Canceled in case of rain. If you have questions, please see Connie Holmen or Cindy Schurr.

All Boards Night – June 8

All Boards will meet Wednesday, June 8. Dinner at 6:00, hosted by the Mission Board, followed by meetings at 7:00pm. (Please RSVP for dinner!)

Hymnal Dedication Sunday – June 12

On Sunday, June 12th we will be celebrating Pentecost in some remarkable ways with a large part of the worship service celebrating the dedication of our new hymnals, *Celebrating Grace, Hymnal for Baptist Worship*. Be prepared to sing many favorite hymns and to learn some new ones as well. We look forward to ringing the rafters in praise to our Lord!

RSVP for Annual Church Picnic – June 12

Sunday, June 12, 12:00-dusk, rain or shine, at Schoolhouse Park (1875 Nutt Rd., Washington Twp). We're having a 'casual dress Sunday' on the 12th so that we can leave for the picnic from the church. Families with last names A-L are asked to bring salads or veggies. Families with last names M-Z are asked to bring desserts. If you wish you can bring your covered dishes to church that Sunday. We can refrigerate items or keep them warm. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!

First Baptist Church of Dayton

6th Sunday of Easter



Idealized view of the Acropolis and the Areopagus in Athens, 1846
Klenze, Leo von 1784-1864

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*
Rev. C. Donald Thrash, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
Ray Landis, *Music Director*
Gregory Land, *Organist*
R. Alan Kimbrough, *Organist*
Debbie Lindley, *Pianist*
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