

# The First Baptist Church at Worship

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2010

10:30 AM

## Welcome to First Baptist Church

I know why the caged bird sings, ah me,  
When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore,—  
When he beats his bars and he would be free;  
It is not a carol of joy or glee,  
But a prayer that he sends from his heart's deep core,  
But a plea, that upward to Heaven he flings —  
I know why the caged bird sings!

~ Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

## The Gathering

### THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist  
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

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

*Prayer for Peace* ..... Red  
*My Lord Is Near Me All the Time* ..... Gaultney  
*I'd Rather Have Jesus* ..... Shea  
*I Am Willing, Lord* ..... Kaiser

## In Praise to the Lord

### CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* ..... arr. Landis

### GATHERING SENTENCES

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs;  
**Let us sing to God with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

Let everything you do or say be done in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
**Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

(Colossians 3:16-17, ADAPT.)

### \*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### \*OPENING HYMN

#306 *Standing on the Promises*  
PROMISES

*Human promises are easy to make, hard to keep and hard to rely upon.  
On the other hand, God's promises are beyond question. As faithful people  
we need to understand that only by standing on God's promises are we  
able to live with purpose for God's glory.*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*He Has Made Me Glad*  
Leona Von Brethorst (CCLI 1826847)

### \*PASSING OF THE 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.)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

## Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Melissa Mikesell

**Lamentations 1:1-6:** How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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

### THE SPOKEN WORD

Dayne Craig

### THE RESPONSIVE PSALTER (Psalm 137)

Melissa Mikesell, Leader

Leader: By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.

People: **On the willows there  
we hung up our harps.**

Leader: For there our captors  
asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'

People: **How could we sing the Lord's song  
in a foreign land?**

Leader: If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!

People: **Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy.**

Leader: Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem's fall,  
how they said, 'Tear it down! Tear it down!  
Down to its foundations!'

People: **O daughter Babylon, you devastator!  
Happy shall they be who pay you back  
what you have done to us!**

Leader: Happy shall they be who take your little ones  
and dash them against the rock!

### ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*Bread of the World* ..... Palestrina

### \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

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

**Luke 17:5-10:** The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

### \*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#493 *I Know Whom I Have Believed*  
EL NATHAN

Daniel Webster Whittle was a Civil War veteran who was wounded and lost his right arm in battle. While in a prisoner of war hospital he began reading a Bible. Through his suffering and subsequent Bible study Whittle came to know in whom he believed. His hymn is a guide for us and for our beliefs.

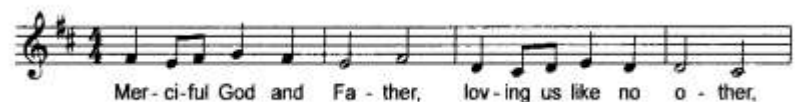
THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.)

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

*Healing Grace*  
Chisholm and Sadler (CCLI 1826847)



PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jim Earnest

THE SERMON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*"How Can We Sing?"*

*The Response of God's People*

THE OFFERTORY

Debbie Lindley

*In His Presence* ..... Tunney

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#651v.4 *O Master...*  
MARYTON

**In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Melissa Mikesell

*The Right Hand of Fellowship*

*Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:*

**Seth Warncke**

*Seth joins by Letter from  
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, West Chester OH  
His faith partner is Tim Holmen.*

**Invitation to Holy Communion**

(Celebrants: Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Marcus)

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Dr. Rod Kennedy

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you with thoughts not attentive to your will and too much in concert with the world, in words that are hurtful to our neighbors and disrespectful of others, and in deeds that fail to glorify your name. We have not loved you with our whole heart because we have loved other things first; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves because we are too much a part of the divisions and barriers of race and class. We are truly sorry and we 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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Rod Kennedy

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts & Debtors)*

BREAKING THE BREAD

Dr. Rod Kennedy

*Eat This Bread and Never Hunger* – Congregation

**Eat this bread and never hunger,  
drink this wine and never thirst.  
Christ invites us to the Table,  
where the last become the first.**

SHARING THE CUP

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* ..... Lutkin  
Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

THE 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

#552 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
OLIVET

*These words came to Ray Palmer in a dark and discouraging time of his life. He turned to Jesus for strength, guidance and salvation. Teamed with Lowell Mason's music this hymn has been a mighty help in troubled times for many Christians throughout the centuries.*

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

*Christ Beside Me*  
(CCLI 1826847)

**Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me, never to part.**

\*POSTLUDE

Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

*God of Grace and God of Glory* ..... Hughes

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Eduard Bendemann "The Sorrowful Jews in Exile," 1832

**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*  
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Gregory Land, *Organist*  
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