

ORDER OF WORSHIP

" All human error is impatience."

- Kafka

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY

Adantino

from Concerto on themes of Pergolesi - *arr. John Barbirolli*

*INVOCATION

Carol Rees

*HYMN 158

Come, Christians, join to sing

SPANISH HYMN

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

Psalm 139

Leader: Lord, you have searched me and known me. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Wonderful are your ways – I know this right well.

People: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.

*GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

DEDICATION OF

CATERINA DANCIU DASILVA & ALEXANDRA DANCIU DASILVA

Theodora Danciu and Alexandre Dasilva, parents

Congregational Response: With God's help we will seek to follow Christ ourselves, that these parents may be strengthened in faith, and these children, surrounded by love, may be nurtured in the way that leads to life.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:18-25

Carol Rees

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Allegro

from Concerto on themes of Pergolesi - *arr. John Barbirolli*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

Stacey Simpson Duke

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-35

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Stacey Simpson Duke

*HYMN 480

O Love that wilt not let me go

ST. MARGARET

(Preschool – 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON

The Un-pure Field

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Meditation from *Thais*

- *Jules Massenet*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 529

How firm a foundation

FOUNDATION

(stanzas 1-2, 4-5)

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Greensleeves to a Ground

- *Anonymous*
17th Century

* If you are able, please stand

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Roy Purchase
~ Ola Jeanne, Dan, Kevin & Darin McCollough ~*

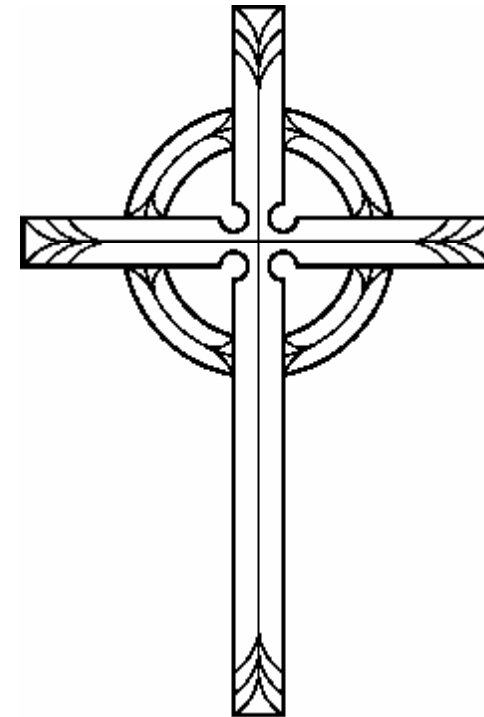
The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Dannie Jones, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Wanda Finn, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, June Ludwig, Blanche Williams and John Caddell.

Paul and Stacey will leave on vacation this afternoon. They will be back in the office on August 14th. We are grateful for Manuel Ruiz, Ron Tipton, and Wally Schmeichel, who will be preaching in their absence.

Special thanks to Charise Hastings for her delightful playing on the flute this morning.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*10th Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2008*

*Please sign the Welcome Pad during the Offertory and pass it down the pew.
If you are a visitor, please also fill out a yellow "Welcome" slip and place it in the offering plate.*

~ Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. Thank you. ~

Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

TODAY, July 20 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, July 22 5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, July 27 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Nursery Care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m.

All children are welcome to worship with their families. There is no Children's Worship today so, after the Time as Children portion of the worship service, preschoolers – 6-years old may go to the nursery for childcare. Families should pick up children as soon as worship is completed.

During the month of July there are no church school classes (children, youth or adult).

Adult Small Groups (ChristCare)

Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. See Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.

Texts for next Sunday, July 27: Genesis 29:15-28 – Psalm 105:1-11, 45b – Romans 8:26-39 – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Church Picnic: The Church Picnic, with lots of good food, games, fellowship and fun for ALL ages, will be NEXT SUNDAY, July 27, Noon – 2:00 pm at Allmendinger Park. Chicken and drinks will be provided by the Board of Christian Education. Please sign up at the Information Counter (or in the office during the week) to let us know that you are coming and what pot-luck dish you plan to bring.

Also plan to bring your own table setting (non-breakable of course!), blankets or folding chairs, and equipment for any ball game you'd like to play (softball, whiffle ball, badminton, etc.)

Habitat for Humanity

August 2 will be our FBC workday. We will be working with volunteers from Manchester United Methodist Church on that day. We will also need volunteers from FBC to provide lunch for workers. If you wish to volunteer, go to the Good News house website:

<http://www.goodnewshouse.org/housevolunteers>

Board of Care & Community visits

The Board of Care & Community would like to make sure we are reaching all homebound folks who would like to have visitors. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to have occasional friendly visits from members of our team. Trained servers are also taking Communion to people on Communion Sunday afternoons. If you have not yet been served and would like to, please call Mary Gregg, 769-3127 or Barb Griffin, 994-3499. We would also like to have more volunteers to serve as friendly visitors.

Financial statements for the second quarter are available to be picked up throughout the month of July. They can be found on the table near the information counter or in the office during the week.