

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"Forgiveness too is a power. To beg for it is a power, and to withhold or bestow it is a power, perhaps the greatest."

- Margaret Atwood

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY

Kanon in C

Robert Schumann

*INVOCATION

Robert Shannon

*HYMN 185 When morning gilds the skies
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

LAUDES DOMINI

*THE PSALM Psalm 103:8, 10-12, 14

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere him.

People: **As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us..**

All: **For the Lord knows how we were made. God remembers that we are made of dust.**

*GLORIA

Hymnal p. 72

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (repeat)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 14:19-29

Robert Shannon

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Go Down, Moses

- arr. Joel Hastings

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Paul Simpson Duke

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 479

Jesus, lover of my soul

ABERYSTWYTH

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

SERMON

The Long Walk of Forgiving

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Prayer to Jesus

- G. Oldroyd

*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 390

Forgive our sins as we forgive

DETROIT

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D minor-

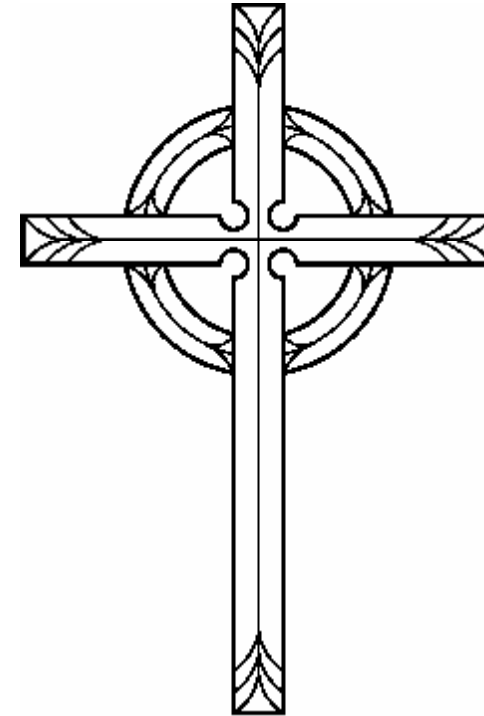
- Edwin H. Lemare

* If you are able, please stand

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in appreciation of all grandparents from the Alaniz family*

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 Lloyd Crabtree, Juhn Han, Dannie Jones, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, June Ludwig, Blanche Williams and John Caddell.



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 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

Youth Family Brunch is today from 11:15 to 12:30 in the Youth Room. All Youth and parents invited

Cooks Needed for The Gathering

Volunteers are needed to cook meals for our campus ministry program, The Gathering. This is a much-appreciated ministry of hospitality for students who are away from home and don't often get a home-cooked meal. Please sign up at the Information Counter and take an instruction sheet with you.

Texts for next Sunday, September 21st

Exodus 16:2-15 – Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 – Philippians 1:21-30 – Matthew 20:1-16

ABWM Soup label drive

The ABW Ministries continues to collect the Campbell Soup UPC or Barcode off the soup labels. It is no longer necessary to bring in the front of the label – just the UPC or bar code. There is a small white box on the information counter. The labels are redeemed and they go towards new computer equipment for study corners at the Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, OK. For further details please check the ABW Ministries bulletin board in the lobby near the Fellowship Hall.

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, Sept 14	10:00 a.m.	- Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, Sept 15	7:00 p.m.	- Mission Action Board (Conf Room)
Tuesday, Sept. 16	1:00 p.m.	- Beecher/Brewer Circle (at Iris Martin's home)
	5:30 p.m.	- Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	- Board of Trustees (Lounge)
Wednesday, Sept 17	12:00 noon	- Bible Study Pot Luck Lunch (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m.	- The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Sept. 18	9:00 a.m.	- Set-up for Rummage Sale
	6:30 p.m.	- Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m.	- Choir rehearsal (Room 102B)
Friday, Sept. 19	9am – 6pm.	- ABWM Rummage Sale (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, Sept 20	9am – 1pm	- ABWM Rummage Sale
	1pm – 3pm	- Clean-up Rummage Sale
Sunday, Sept. 21	10:00 a.m.	- Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Children and Youth Christian Education

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, children in preschool – 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship.

Preschool

10:00 – 10:30	Worship
10:30 – 10:45	Tiny Grace Notes
10:45 – 11:00	Children's Worship
11:00 – 12:00	Church School
12:00 – 12:30	Childcare in Nursery

4 years – 2nd grade

- 10:30 – 11:00 Children’s Worship (Room 202A)
- 11:00 – 12:00 Church School (Room 202B)
- 12:00 – 12:30 Grace Notes (Room 306)

3rd – 6th grades

- 10:00 – 11:00 Worship
- Today only – 3rd graders will join the 4 yr - 2nd grade class
- 11:00 –12:00 Church School (Room 202B)
- 12:00 – 12:30 Grace Notes (Room 306)

4th grade – High School

- 10:00 – 11:00 Worship
- 11:15 – 12:30 Youth and parent brunch in the Youth Room (Room 107)

Children’s Music & Arts Ministry

The Children’s Music Ministry will resume today and the 21st (Jr. Choir) and meet for rehearsal each Sunday

- Jr. Handbells (Room 306).....9:15 – 9:45 (Starting today)
- Tiny Grace Notes (Rm. 306).....10:30 – 10:45 (Starting today)
- Grace Notes Choir (Room 306).....12:00 – 12:30 (Starting today)
- Jr. Choir (Room 102).....11:50 – 12:30 (Starting September 21)

Adult Christian Education 11:30-12:30 (Lounge)

Beginning Today:

CELTIC CHRISTIANITY – What does it mean for us today?

Astrid Beck, discussion leader

In the days of early Christianity, in 644, at the Northumbrian Abby of Whitby, northern Christianity came to a crossroad. The Celtic tradition of Iona lost out to the see of Rome. Celtic Christianity was pushed into the

background, into the Northern and Western provinces of Scotland, Wales, Ireland, but the Celtic mission, inspired by the Gospel of John, survived and remains an integral and important part of our heritage. Its focus is in seeing the image of God in all of creation, including the human who represents the image of God on earth. This spirituality lends itself to listening for God at the heart of life, experiencing communion with God in nature at the deepest levels. We express this emphasis in our worship service, in our hymns, in our prayers, without being keenly aware of it. William Sloane Coffin expressed it, when he said, “When you’re grateful for the undeserved beauty of a cloudless sky, you’re praying.” We sing it in our hymn: And God will raise you up on Eagles’ wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. Or: How beautiful are the feet of him who brings...peace...good tidings...salvation. (Isa 52:7, Rom 10:15) In this sequence, we will study how our Celtic heritage has inspired us in our awareness of God through prayer and by studying related OT and NT biblical passages.

Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge) will resume on September 17 with Ron Tipton as the leader during the Fall term. The group meets on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 2:30 PM. As usual, the first session (on the 17th) will be a potluck meal at the church at noon. We hope that all the "old" group members will return, and we also hope to see some new faces this year. If you are available on Wednesday afternoons please come and join in the fellowship and discussions.

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.