

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

PRELUDE

Tidings of Joy

- *Daniel Pinkham*

*INVOCATION

Bill Foster

*HYMN 304

Easter people, raise your voices

REGENT SQUARE

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

THE PSALM

from Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

People: Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy.

All: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, will come home with shouts of joy.

*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 7:13-17; 21:1-4

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Easter from *Five Mystical Songs*

- *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Brian Rosenblume, baritone

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,

Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him may'st rise;

That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.

The cross taught all wood to resound his name
Who bore the same.

His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:

Or since all music is but three parts vied,
And multiplied;

O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stacey Simpson Duke

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

*GOSPEL READING

John 16:20-22

Bill Foster

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN (see insert)

When I can read my title clear

PISGAH

(Preschool – 3rd Grade may leave for Child Care or Children's Worship at this time)

SERMON

The End of Tears

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Sing to the Lord

- *arr. Alice Parker*

Sing to the Lord, ye heav'nly hosts,
And thou, O earth adore,
Let Death and Hell throughout their coasts
Stand trembling at His power.

His sounding chariot shakes the sky;
He makes the clouds His throne;
There all the stores of lightning lie,
Till vengeance darts them down.

Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas
Conspire to lift Thy glories high
And speak Thine endless praise.

His nostrils breathe out fiery streams,
And from His awful tongue
A sov'reign voice divides the flames
And thunder roars along.

Think, o my soul, the dreadful day,
When this incensed God
Shall rend the sky and burn the sea
And fling His wrath abroad.

The whole creation join in one
To bless the sacred Name,
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb!

***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 117 O God, our help in ages past *ST. ANNE*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in E-flat (St. Anne) -- *J.S. Bach*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor of our church family*

~ 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 Annabel Erskine, John Moyer, Lorrie Schleg, Bill Kerr, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Lee, Bonnie Jensen, Alice Weaver, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Dottie Casler, Patrick Baert, Kathy Kittleson, Paula Martin and Charlie Goff.

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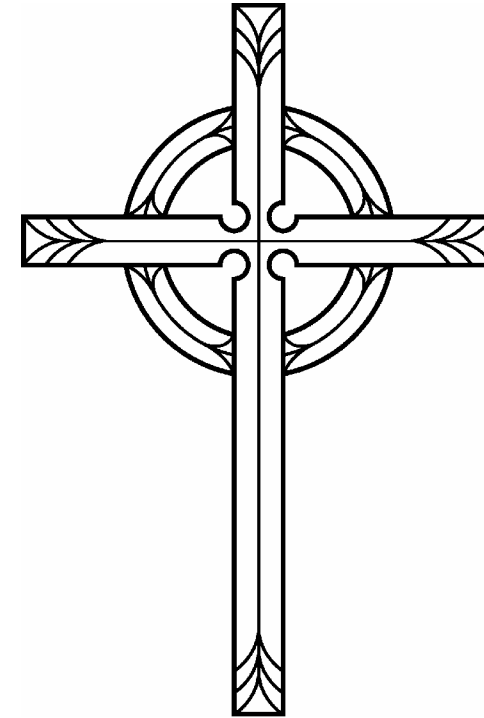
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2010

*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. ~

Remembering Ruth Kerr On Sunday, May 2, we will hold an event in honor of Ruth Kerr, longtime member and church treasure. Ruth died in September and had requested that no memorial service be held; but her service to the life of our church was so substantial and her impact among us was so strong that we want to have an occasion for paying tribute to her. We are calling it "Remembering Ruth." May 2 is the Sunday nearest to her birthday, so the time seems fitting. A light luncheon will be held after Second Hour on that day, then we will move to the memorial lounge, where memories will be shared and reflections offered. We hope that many of you will join us. Please RSVP by signing the sign-up sheet at the information counter on Sunday or in the office during the week.

"The Divine Language of Music"

The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County continues its five part winter/spring series on "The Divine Language of Music." The next in the series will be "An Interfaith Musical Experience and an Indian Meal," held at the Hindu Chinmaya Mission, 4670 Packard Road, Ann Arbor -- Sunday, May 16, from 6 – 8:30 pm. This will be an evening of sacred music from a variety of religious traditions including vocal solos, chanting, dance and instruments, ending with a delicious Indian meal. Ticket prices: \$15 (basic), \$25, \$50 (charitable contributions categories). For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email gbrides@umich.edu.

Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley

H4H is holding a live and silent auction this Friday, April 30, at Washtenaw Community College in the Morris Lawrence Building. The event will take place 6 – 9 pm. This annual auction will raise funds for neighborhood revitalization and safe and affordable homeownership in our community. The proceeds will enable Habitat to build more homes for hardworking and deserving families. Tickets are available at www.h4h.org or call 734-677-1558.

A2 Vineyard Karaoke Night

On Friday evening, April 30th, from 8:30 to 11:30 pm we are asking people who love to do Karaoke to join us at Ann Arbor Vineyard, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Daniel Long of Stoo's Karaoke will host the musical event. Admission is \$5.00; bring your own sodas and snacks, but no alcohol, no smoking. All proceeds to Ann Arbor Vineyard Homeless Ministry.

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, April 25	10:00 p.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 12:30 p.m. - Annual Program Meeting & Pot Luck Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, April 27	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, April 28	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (meet in FBC parking lot and walk to Pizza House) 7:30 p.m. - Davis-Diels ChristCare (at Davis-Diels home)
Thursday, April 29	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (room 102)
Sunday, May 2	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 12:30 p.m. - Memorial for Ruth Kerr (Fellowship Hall/Lounge)

Nursery Care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 – 12:30.

Annual Program Meeting Today!

The church's annual meeting is today at 12:30, beginning with a potluck lunch. Lunch is an official agenda item, so don't miss this part of the meeting! As this is our annual program meeting it will include the election of board members and church officers for the next year. We will review the activities of our boards and ministries. Visitors are welcome. Please be assured that even if you did not sign up, you are most welcome and encouraged to attend the lunch and meeting. There is always plenty of food and an interesting and important meeting.

Children & Youth Worship will be on Sunday, May 9th (with rehearsal on May 8, 9:00 – 11:00).

Readings for next Sunday, May 2nd

Acts 11:1-18 * Psalm 148 * Revelation 21:1-6 * John 13:31-35

Children and Youth Christian Education

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, preschoolers may go to the nursery for childcare and children in Kindergarten – 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship.

K - 2nd grade:

10:30 – 11:30 Children's Worship and snack (Rm. 202A)

11:30 – 12:30 Church School (Rm. 202B)

3rd - 6th grades

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:00 – 11:30 Jr. Choir (Room 102)

11:30 – 12:30 Church School (Room 201B)

Youth (7th – High School)

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:30 – 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

Adult Christian Education (Sundays, 11:30 – 12:30)

Acts of the Apostles Lounge
(Sue Ellen Glover, Leader)

We will explore how the disciples of Christ struggled to live out his teachings and to carry his message of repentance and salvation "to the ends of the earth".

Today: Pentecost

Young Adult Class (Stacey Simpson Duke, Leader) Room 108

This class consists of conversational Bible study, discussing the letter to the Philippians and its application to our living. "Young adult" is defined as mid-twenties to 40(ish!).

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge, 1:30-2:30 p.m.)

Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke leads a study of the Gospel of Mark. Join us for fellowship and study.

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.

Camps

Information about our ABC Camps (Lael near Flint and Lake Louise near Traverse City) and the schedule for each is available near the coat racks in the education wing or from Sue Ellen. There are opportunities for all ages, including several family camps. Scholarships are available.

Quarter-End Individual Financial Statements are Ready to be picked up during the month of April. They can be found at the Information Counter on Sundays or in the office during the week. Thank you!

Volunteers needed for Sunday Coffee Hour

If you are able to help out with making coffee and providing cookies for Fellowship Time after the service, please sign up at the information counter.

Greeters needed!

We are looking for volunteers to greet on Sunday mornings. If you can help with this, please sign up at the Information Counter. Thank you!

Telephone Directory Update

We are in the process of updating the telephone directory of friends and members of FBC. You will find edit copies at the Information Counter and in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to make sure that the information you want included is updated/correct, including the birthday list at the back. Don't see your name and want to be added, let us know. If there is information you don't want published (i.e. telephone number, email, etc.) that's fine, too. Thank you!