

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

PRELUDE *Pastorale* - Théodore Salomé
(1834-1896, French)

*INVOCATION David Robbins

*HYMN 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *BEECHER*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM Psalm 66:8-12, 20

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
People: Who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
Leader: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
People: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;
Leader: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and
through water;
People: Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
Leader: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
All: or removed his steadfast love from me.

*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 3:13-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Swell the Full Chorus* - G. F. Handel

Swell the full chorus, all voices we raise
O sing a new song with thanksgiving and praise.
Flow sweetly the numbers that raise up the song,
Let joy in the nations of people resound.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Paul Simpson Duke
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

*GOSPEL READING John 14:15-31 Xan Morgan
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

*HYMN 420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God *TRENTHAM*
(Preschool through 5th grade may leave for Church School)

SERMON *Follow the Leader* Xan Morgan

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness* - Antonin Dvořák
I will sing new songs of gladness;
I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery.
Ev'ry day will I extoll Thee, and will bless Thy holy name,
I will bless Thy holy name.
Great is God and great His mercy.
Who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His pow'r declare?
My song shall be of praise and honor of Thy glorious acts.
Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.
Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness, and of Thy wondrous might,
And my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.

*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 539 O Spirit of the Living God *FOREST GREEN*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro - João de Sousa Carvalho
from *Sonata in F Major* (1745-1798, Portuguese)

* If you are able, please stand

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the marriage of
Sarah Waterbury and Kyle Erskine (grandson of Annabel Erskine)*

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 Anna Moyer and the family and friends of John Moyer. We also pray for Nancy Rushton, Helen Louise Bowser, Jerry Rees, Bill & Ginny McKeachie, Juanita Dieterle, Pat Huebel, Iris Martin, Ethan Wright, Wally Jordan, Saw Charlie, Logan Sweet, Paul Farrehi, Dottie Casler, and Jodie Wilt.

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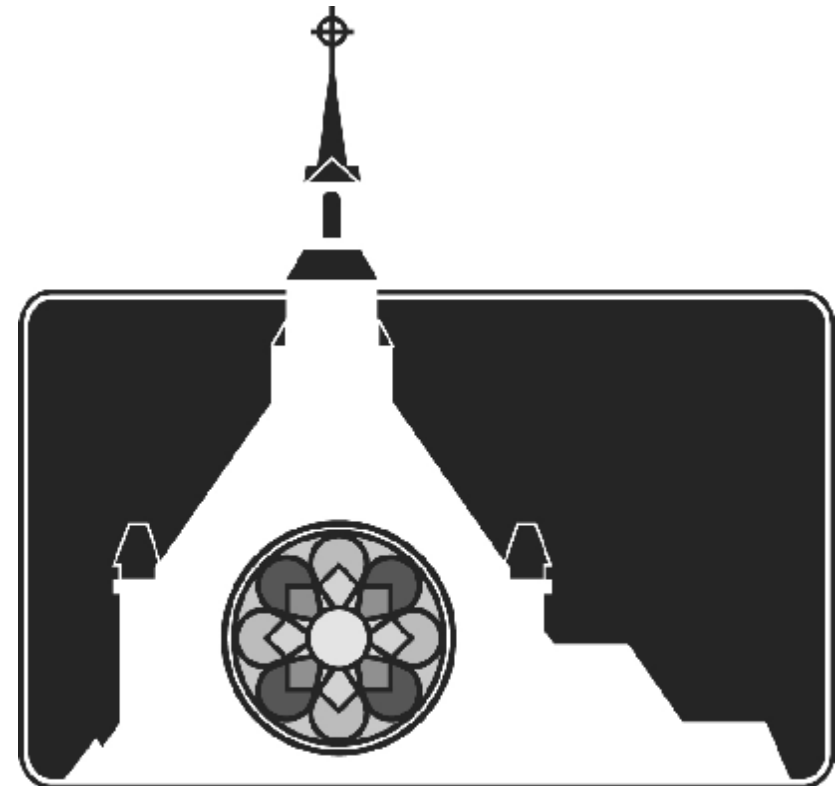
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

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

Can & Bottle Drive Youth Fundraiser

On June 18, our Youth Summer Mission Team will head to Spirit Lake Nation in North Dakota to work with the United Methodist mission there on the reservation. Every Sunday between now and the trip, the youth group will be collecting cans and bottles to take in to receive the deposit money on; this money will be used to help offset the costs of travel to North Dakota. Collection boxes are located next to the Information Counter. Thank you!

Scholarships Available Scholarships are available from the Chester and Violet Loucks fund for post-secondary education. For an application, please contact Mary Davis (madrad@umich.edu or [\(734\)352-0732](tel:7343520732)). The deadline for receipt of applications for the Loucks scholarships is May 22.

The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County

At 4pm today, the Interfaith Roundtable will present a unique interfaith music event - Voices of Children: Many Faiths, One Song. Four children's choirs from: the Hindu Chinmaya Mission, Temple Beth Emeth, St. Clare's Episcopal Church and The First Unitarian Universalist Congregation. This will be held at Genesis, 2309 Packard Street (Temple Beth Emeth and St. Clare's Episcopal). Given this current climate in our county and country, this will be a beautiful way to show our support for diversity and inclusion. There will be an opportunity to donate to the work of the IRT. For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email gbrides@umich.edu

You are invited to Hope Clinic's Celebration of Hope on Thursday, June 8 at Earhart Manor on the campus of Concordia University, 4090 Geddes Rd., Ann Arbor. The event activities will include a delicious BBQ dinner, live music and the presentation of the Daniel D. Heffernan Humanitarian award to Kevin Sloan, DDS,MS given in recognition of his service to the community in the name of Christ. Ticket price is \$50 per person. Easy registration is available online at <https://thehopeclinic.ejoinme.org/COH2017> For more information or to attend contact Kathy Neumar at kneumar@thehopeclinic.org or 734-484-2989.

Readings for Next Sunday, May 28

Acts 1:6-14 * Psalm 68:1-10 * 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 * John 17:1-11

Worship Service Recordings

All of our worship services and sermons, including today's, are available on our church website as podcasts. Please consider sharing them with friends.



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.

Sunday, May 21	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes
	12:30 p.m. - Vespers Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, May 23	9:30 a.m. - AB Women's Ministries Board Meeting (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>Bethel UCC Manchester</i> (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, May 24	7:30 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)
Thursday, May 25	12:15 p.m. - Coffee Break Concert (Sanctuary)
	5:30 p.m. - Board of Christian Education (Conference Room)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, May 28	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, May 29	<i>Memorial Day - Church Office & Buildings Closed</i>

Nursery Care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 - 11:30.

Celebration of Vespers Today!

Please join us for a special Vespers meal in the Fellowship Hall after Second Hour classes today. Vespers is one of the longest, continuing ministries of FBC and we want to celebrate this commitment with our congregation. We invite you to become connected with Vespers! You will enjoy a great lunch and hear more about this ministry and the people who have been touched both by the hospitality and by the opportunity to offer this hospitality.

Our Coffee Break Concert Series presents its final concert of the season "Harpichord Duo" this coming Thursday, May 25, at 12:15pm. Harpichordists Martha Folts and Shin-Ae Chun will perform music by J.S. Bach, Le Roux, Tompkins, Sweelinck and Soler on two Flemish harpichords. It will be a beautiful concert celebrating the season of spring. This concert is free and open to all. Come and invite your friends and neighbors. The refreshments are kindly provided by our ABWM members before and after the concert when you can share fellowship with other music lovers from our community.

Children & Youth Christian Education and Music

Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship. During the second hymn, preschool through 5th grade leave for Church School. If you are visiting and would like more information about our ministry with kids and youth, please connect with our Director of Children's Ministry, Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) or our Youth Minister, Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com).

Preschool – 1st Grade:

10:00 - 10:30 Worship
10:30 - 11:15 Church School (Rm. 202A&B)
11:15 - 11:30 Grace Notes Music (Preschool - 1st Grade; Rm. 202)
11:30 - 12:30 Activities (Rm. 202A&B)

2nd - 5th Grade:

10:00 - 10:30 Worship
10:30 - 11:15 Church School (Rm. 201B)
11:15 - 11:30 Snack
11:30 - 12:00 Children's Choir (2nd - 5th Grade; Rm. 306)
12:00 - 12:30 Children's Worship (Rm. 201B)

Youth (6th Grade - High School):

10:00 - 11:00 Worship
11:00 - 11:30 Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
11:30 - 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

Adult Christian Education 11:30-12:30

Heroes of the Bible (Astrid Beck, leader) Library

For this new series, Astrid Beck will lead the discussion on Heroes of the Bible. We will look at great men and women, outstanding leaders in the biblical account, who are foundational to our faith, who not only defined it, but who also taught the values inherent in our faith practices. We will begin with Moses, continue with Elijah (highlighted again in the Gospels of Mark and Luke in the Transfiguration account; why those two?), and

work our way through other major men and women in the Old Testament and the New Testament. No background readings required. Bring your favorite Bible or use one of ours.

Conversations about Race Memorial Lounge
(La'Ron Williams, Ron Gregg, and Paul Simpson Duke, leaders)

This class provides an opportunity to gain better understanding of racial perceptions and divisions in our culture. Events in recent years make such conversations more urgent. Special attention will be given to the character of systemic racism and white privilege, and to the choices we might make to help bring transformation. Three of the sessions will be led by La'Ron Williams, an expert facilitator on issues of race. The other three sessions will be co-led by Ron Gregg and Paul Simpson Duke.

Young Adult Class Room 108

The group is continuing their study of the Gospel of Mark.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study will resume in September.

Small Groups: We have continuing small groups centered on study, sharing, prayer, worship and mission meeting at various times. See Stacey or Paul for information on how to join an existing group or form a new group.

College/University Students: The Gathering is for undergraduates and graduate students. We gather during the school year for a free home-cooked meal, friendship, and study. Our program will resume in September. If you would like to be added to our email list for announcements, please email Stacey Simpson Duke at staceyduke@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School

We have a variety of opportunities to serve at VBS. We need teens and adults to help at craft booths, in the kitchen or as a small group leader. VBS is Tuesday, June 20, through Thursday, June 22, from 9:30-12:15 p.m. Please let Xan know if you're able to help in this way. Xan@fbca2.org or 734.663.9376