

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

## PRELUDE

*The Gift of Love (O Waly Waly)*

- Daniel Kallman

(b.1958, American)

Chance Stine, *saxophone*

## \*INVOCATION

(\* If you are able, please stand)

Beverly Inbody

## \*HYMN 145

Morning Has Broken

*BUNESSAN*

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

## \*THE PSALM

from Psalm 114

Leader: When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

People: Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel God's dominion.

Leader: The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back.

People: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Leader: What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

People: O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

People: who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

All: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord.

## \*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

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

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 14:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## ANTHEM

*Jesu, Lover of My Soul*

- Philip W.J. Stopford

Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Saviour, Hide, till the storm of life be past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness. Fall and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

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

## \*GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Matthew 18:21-35

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Hannah Foster

## \*HYMN 560

Help Us Accept Each Other

*ACCEPTANCE*

Children (6th grade and younger) leave for church school.

## SERMON

*The Hardest Word*

Stacey Simpson Duke

## SILENT REFLECTION

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Lone Wild Bird*

- Frank DeWald

The lone wild bird, in lofty flight,  
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight  
And I am thine, I rest in thee.  
Great spirit come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand,  
The sea's dark deep and far-off land,  
And I am thine, I rest in thee.  
Great spirit come, and rest in me.

## \*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 (see insert)

God, How Can We Forgive

*LEONI*



### American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday

Today is the day we celebrate American Baptist Women's Ministries. We have about 30 ladies active in the two circles, Beecher-Brewer and MacGregor-Stitt.

We devote service to our church and support our missionaries at home and overseas. All ladies are American Baptist Women's Ministries. You will notice that some of our members are assisting with today's worship service. Hannah Foster is one of the five AB Women's Ministries of Michigan scholarship girls. She is also the MacGregor-Stitt Circle's scholarship girl.

Our program for the 2017-2018 year has been planned and you can see our schedule, annual report, and monthly calendar on the bulletin board downstairs before you enter the music room and library. We have a new two-year theme and also a new logo. Our theme is "Feel/Siente" and our new logo is a "Circle of Friends." You can see our bulletin board explanation of "Feel." We continue for the second year to support the Women's & Girls' Mission Fund, which is to provide life-changing opportunities for women and girls in the US and around the world. We wish to thank all of our church family in advance for all of your support throughout the year. In Christ, Roberta Hause, president ABWM at FBCA2.

### Women's & Girls Mission Fund

Today's collection for the Women's & Girls Mission Fund will be taken at the end of the service with collection plates placed at each of the exits. We thank you for your generous support.

### Save the Date: CROP Walk 2017

Join the 43rd Annual Washtenaw/Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday afternoon, October 15, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran Church (1400 West Stadium Boulevard). Register from 1 pm; the Walk starts with a send-off service at 2 pm. We walk to raise funds for hunger and poverty relief here and around the world. The Walk is organized by ICPJ. In 40 years they have spanned two generations of walkers and beneficiaries. For more information, please contact Ron Gregg ([rgregg@patientfocussystems.com](mailto:rgregg@patientfocussystems.com)) or Kent Jennings ([kentjen31@gmail.com](mailto:kentjen31@gmail.com)).

### Readings for Next Sunday, September 24

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

### 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 in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Sunday, Sept 17	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes 12:30 p.m. - Racial Justice Group (Lounge)
Monday, Sept 18	7:00 p.m. - FBC Book Group (Campus Center)
Tuesday, Sept 19	1:00 p.m. - Beecher-Brewer Circle (at Brookhaven) 5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>Northside Comm. Church</i>
Wednesday, Sept 20	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) 7:30 p.m. - ChristCare Group (at Davis-Diels home)
Thursday, Sept 21	12:30 p.m. - MacGregor Stitt Circle (at Hause home) 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Saturday, Sept 23	2:00 p.m. - Saturday of Service (at Food Gatherers)
Sunday, Sept 24	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes

### New Small Group Forming for Families with Young Children

Are you interested in growing together while deepening friendships among parents and kids? Whether you're a solid yes or on the fence, you're invited to the Morgans' house (2614 Page Ct) on Friday, September 15th from 7:00-8:30 pm. We'll talk about when and how often the group will meet, what to study and how to make it easy for families with children. And we'll eat dessert too! Please let Xan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) know if you are coming.

### Saturday of Service

Join us Saturday, September 23, 2:00p-4:00p, for this intergenerational (ages 8 and up) service opportunity. We'll be helping out in the warehouse at Food Gatherers, our local food rescue program. This is a great opportunity to serve our community while developing relationships with others in our congregation. Sign up at the Information Counter or via Connection Card. Questions? Contact Marissa Alaniz, [malaniz@umich.edu](mailto:malaniz@umich.edu).

### 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. 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](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) or our Youth Minister, Stacey Simpson Duke ([staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com)).

#### Birth-3 years:

Children are welcome to worship with their families. Optional nursery care is available after Time as Children, when all kids go to church school or beginning at 9:45 am. Our nursery team will sing, pray, have a snack and do a short, developmentally appropriate lesson with the children. Care is provided until the end of second hour classes at 12:30 pm.

#### Preschool-2nd Grade: 202A

10:00-10:30	Worship with families
10:30-11:15	Church School
11:15-11:30	Grace Notes Choir
11:30-12:30	Friendship Time

#### 3rd-6th Grade: 201B

10:00-10:30	Worship with families
10:30-11:30	Church School
11:30-12:00	Children's Choir
12:00-12:30	Friendship Time

#### Youth (7th-12th grade)

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

Astrid Beck will continue leading 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. In the Spring, we began with Moses and continued with Elijah (highlighted again in the Gospels of Mark and Luke in the Transfiguration account; why those two?). We will continue to study 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.

Sabbath-Keeping: Let Go, Behold, Sing  
(Heather Entrekkin, leader)

Memorial Lounge

Trusting that God's commandment to "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" speaks to the weariness, dysfunction, and anxiety of our day, this class seeks a deeper understanding of the meaning of Sabbath-keeping, explores experiences of and resistance to Sabbath habits, and participates in Sabbath practices such as letting go, mindfulness, and worship. This series will include these intentions: relax; be a safe place, a grace place; take care of yourself and others; plant seeds to nourish, deepen, and restore vocation and purpose; know yourself to be God's beloved, just as you are; keep Sabbath.

Young Adult Class (William van Geest, facilitator)

Room 108

This class is studying the Gospel of Mark. Interested members of our class take turns sharing leadership of the study. Though we are working chronologically through the book, each Sunday is a stand-alone session, so newcomers or sporadic participants are always welcome!

#### Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study resumes this coming Wednesday, September 20th, at 1:30pm. Pastor Paul Simpson Duke will lead a study of the Gospel of John.

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. If you would like to be added to the email list for weekly updates about gatherings and service opportunities, please email Stacey Simpson Duke at [staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com).

#### FBC Coffee Break Concert Series

Celebrating its 7th year, our Coffee Break Series presents *The Flemish Harpsichord* by Edward Parmentier, Professor Emeritus of Harpsichord at the University of Michigan on October 5, Thursday at 12:15 pm. The program includes music by Byrd, D'Anglebert, Bull and Frescobaldi. Postcards and flyers are available for you to share the concert series information with friends and neighbors. Help us reach out to our community through music in the series. All concerts are free and open to the public. Refreshments are kindly provided by our ABWM members.