

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

PRELUDE *Prelude on Slane* - Arr. by Shin- Ae Chun

\*INVOCATION Sue Ellen Glover  
(\* If you are able, please stand)

\*HYMN 100 (stanzas 1-2, 4-5) God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards) *LAUDA ANIMA*

\*THE PSALM Psalm 105:1-4  
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!  
People: Sing to God! Sing praises to God!  
Leader: Tell of the wonderful works of the Lord!  
People: Seek the Lord. Continually seek God's presence and strength.  
All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

\*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)  
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 2:4-10  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Hallelujah, Amen* - G. F. Handel  
*from Judas Maccabaeus*  
Hallelujah, Amen; O Judah, rejoice! Rejoice, O Judah, in songs divine,  
With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.

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

\*GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-15 Paul Simpson Duke  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC *God Is Always with Me* - Becki Slagle and  
Children's Choir Lynn Shaw Bailey

*God is always with me, everywhere I go.  
God is always with me, watching as I grow.  
God is with me everywhere, watching day and night,  
When the moon is in the sky, when the sun is bright.*

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan

\*HYMN 121 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *WELLESLEY*  
Children (6th grade and younger) leave for church school.

SERMON *Not Fair* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Do Not Be Afraid* - Philip W.J. Stopford  
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.  
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves.  
When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.  
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.  
When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.  
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.  
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.  
You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.  
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.

\*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 378 (stanzas 1-3, 6)

Amazing Grace

*AMAZING GRACE*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in D Major*

- Robert Powell  
(b.1932, American)

*The flowers today are given with glory to God in loving memory of  
Pearl Hsu and Elizabeth & Harry Lee.*

*~ The Lee 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 Juanita Dieterle, Pat Huebel, Iris Martin, Ethan Wright, Peter Mortensen, Anthony Burton, Wally Jordan, Dottie Casler, Jodie Wilt, Robert L., and Will Healy.*

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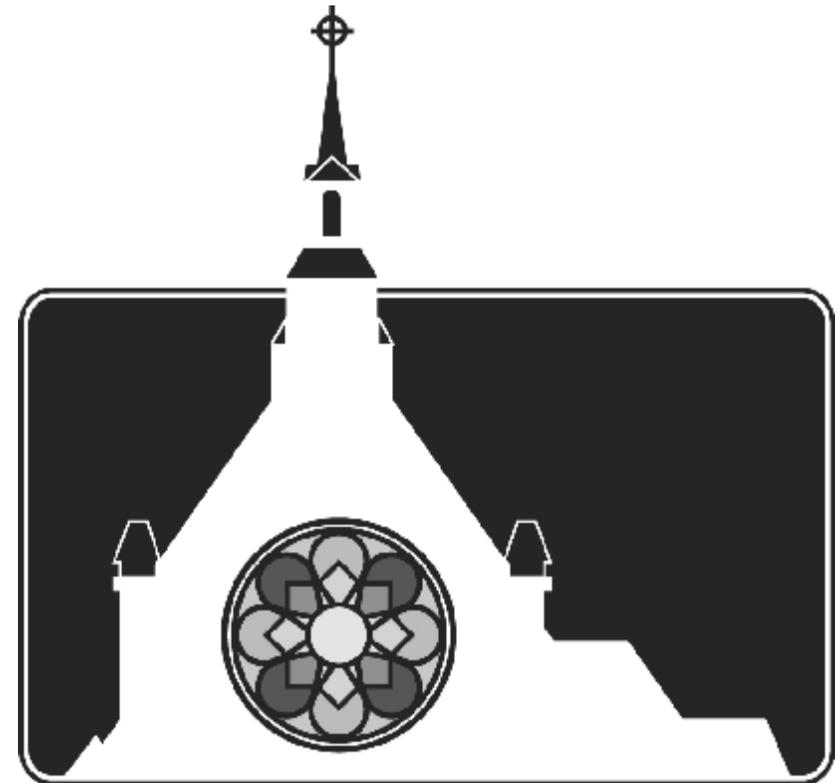
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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

*~ Please turn off all cell phones. Thank you. ~*

### Save the Date: CROP Walk 2017

Join the 43rd Annual Washtenaw/Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday afternoon, October 15, 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. For more information, please contact Ron Gregg ([rgregg@patientfocussystems.com](mailto:rgregg@patientfocussystems.com)) or Kent Jennings ([kentjen31@gmail.com](mailto:kentjen31@gmail.com)).

The FBC Ladies' Book Club invites you to join our group. We meet about every 6 weeks in members' homes for refreshments and discussion of a variety of fiction and nonfiction titles. Our next selection is *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson, a New York Times bestseller, named one of the best books of the year by several newspapers, and winner of the Carnegie Medal for Nonfiction and the NAACP Image Award for Nonfiction. Intrigued? Then please join us! We will meet at Janice Stumpf's house on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please feel free to call or email [jlstumpf@umich.edu](mailto:jlstumpf@umich.edu) if you have questions or wish to be added to our email list. All ladies are welcome!

The FBC Men's Book Club meets every 6 to 8 weeks. As it turns out, we will be reading the same book as the Ladies' Book Club, *Just Mercy*. And since the house will be clean and refreshments available, the Men's Book Club will also meet at Cesar Alaniz's (and Janice's) house on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for a separate discussion of the book (due to space constraints). Please let Cesar, [calaniz@umich.edu](mailto:calaniz@umich.edu), know if you plan on attending or have any questions.

### ABC Michigan Annual Meeting - Saturday, October 24

Christians may assume that God only calls individuals to Mission and Ministry. However, God also calls churches. God calls churches to be a part of mission work in their community and around the world. The premise of the 2017 Annual Gathering is that when a church "responds to the call," it makes for a healthy church. Please join us at Covenant Baptist Church on Saturday, October 28th and listen for God's call to us AND our congregation to be a healthier church through missions!

### 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 24	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes
Monday, Sept 25	6:00 p.m. - Board of Christian Education (Conference Room)
Tuesday, Sept 26	9:30 a.m. - AB Women's Ministries Board (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>Bethel UCC Manchester</i> (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 p.m. - Board of Mission Action (Conference Room)
Wednesday, Sept 27	7:00 p.m. - FBC Task Force Meeting (Lounge) 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Sept 28	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Oct 1	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes

### 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.

### Readings for Next Sunday, October 1

Exodus 17:1-7 \* Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 \* Philippians 2:1-13 \* Matthew 21:23-32

### 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

*These classes are open to all. Whether you have been to them before or not, you are welcome to drop in.*

Heroes of the Bible (Astrid Beck, leader)

Library

Astrid Beck continues 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 are continuing 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 Entekin, 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 includes 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

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 occasional participants are always welcome!

### Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. Pastor Paul Simpson Duke is leading 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).