

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

One: All are welcome here-

All: The young and the old, the sinners and the saints,

One: The dreamers and the doers, the doubters and the seekers,

All: The frightened and the outraged, the exhausted and the exiled.

One: It is God's love that welcomes us all, and so we have come to worship.

All: We worship the God of welcoming love!

PRELUDE

Minuet - Claude Debussy (1862-1918, French)
from *Petite Suite* Ezra Yu, *piano*

*INVOCATION

Dave Emenheiser

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 117 (vv. 1-3, 6) O God, Our Help in Ages Past
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

ST. ANNE

*THE PSALM (in unison)

Psalm 121

Stacey Simpson Duke

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber.

God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on
and forevermore.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

Dave Emenheiser

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

- arr. by Roger Ames

Lucy Thompson, *mezzo soprano*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares

We have already come.

'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far,

And grace will lead us home.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun..

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

Merciful God,

We confess that we have strayed from your ways.

You gave us the earth for our home,

but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.

You gave us neighbors to love,

but we pursue selfish ambitions.

You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,

but we break your law and forsake your love.

Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.

Draw our wandering hearts back to you

that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-24

Dave Emenheiser

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymn 467, verse 4)

Trust and Obey

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward while we sing)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,

Or we'll walk by his side in the way;

What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;

Never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

*HYMN 510

Come, Ye Disconsolate

CONSOLATOR

(Children 5th grade and younger leave for Church School.)

SERMON

Wilderness Song

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Teach Me the Measure

- arr. Alice Parker

Teach me the measure of my days, Thou Maker of my frame;

I would survey life's narrow space, and learn how frail I am.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study: *Liberation and the Journey toward Home: A Study of Exodus*.
Led by Paul Simpson Duke, the class meets at 1:00pm in the Memorial Lounge. Join us!

College/University Students: The Gathering is for undergraduates and graduate students. The Gathering meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Memorial Lounge. For more information, email Stacey (staceyduke@gmail.com) or sign up for the weekly e-newsletter here: [https:// bit.ly/2N0FYGa](https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa).

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.



Central Area Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting for the Central Area churches will be held on March 21 at Olivet Baptist in Lansing, 9:00-11:30am. The featured speaker will be our own Marissa Alaniz who will share information about AMOS Health and Hope. In addition to fellowship, sharing, and worship together, there will also be a report from a member of the 2019 Haiti Mission Team, the election of a new Chair, and the approval of the budget which will include camp scholarships and grants for churches doing cooperative ministry. It would be great to have a delegation from our church to support Marissa and to learn what our sister Central Area churches are doing. Please contact Sue Ellen Glover if you are interested in attending.

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The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*

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, Mar 8	10:00am - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30am - Second Hour Education & Children's Choir
Monday, Mar 9	5:00pm - Youth Dinner (Lounge)
Tuesday, Mar 10	7:00pm - Taizé Prayer (at St. Mary Student Parish) 5:30pm - Vespers - <i>FBC Young Adult team</i> (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm - Taizé Prayer (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, Mar 11	1:00pm - Bible Study (Lounge) 6:30pm - The Gathering (Lounge) 7:00pm - Taizé Prayer (at Campus Chapel)
Thursday, Mar 12	7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Mar 15	10:00am - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30am - Second Hour Education & Children's Choir

Second Hour Adult Education:

Faithful Citizenship - Covenant, Community, and the Common Good
Facilitated by Pastor Paul Simpson Duke, this study considers the challenges of civic virtue using three concepts from Christian tradition - covenant, community, and the common good - and looking at issues related to the common good (such as the environment, the economy, security, and health). Lent is typically a time for deepening our spiritual devotion and commitments - how might this include growing in community outreach and social vision? Beyond volunteerism and community service, what is the relationship between personal faith and the public good? With the Michigan primary election happening during Lent and a national election happening later this year, how do we talk within our faith communities about politics? How does Christian faith challenge our individualism and invite us towards greater responsibility within our communities (local, national, global)? The goal of this class is to invite participants to think deeply about their role as American citizens and as global citizens, within the context of respectful, conversational community.

A Holy Lent for the Common Good

How does our Christian faith challenge our ingrained individualism and invite us to take greater responsibility for the common good? We invite you to join us in observing a holy Lent for the sake of the common good. We have created a calendar of worship experiences and community events that will help our church family reflect and learn about issues related to the common good. You can pick up a copy on the information table in the hallway, at the Smiles for Hope fellowship time or online at www.fbca2.org/commongood. On Palm Sunday, we'll offer to God our reflections and learning through this spiritual discipline. Questions? Contact Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Two more hosts needed for the overnight Rotating Shelter!

We are hosting the overnight Rotating Shelter the week of March 16. We are in need of two more hosts - one on March 20 and one on March 21. Two or three volunteers serve each night as hosts arriving at 7:30pm and serving overnight until 7:00am the next day. Each host takes a shift during the night. When not on duty, the hosts sleep in the Memorial Lounge. You can sign up at the information counter or online at www.fbca2.org/rotatingshelter. Questions? Contact Pete Stover (petestover@me.com or at 816-830-1041).

Smiles for Hope

Our teeth can tell the stories of who we are, how old we are, what we eat, and what we drink. They can prevent disease, keep us healthy, and increase our confidence! But in Nicaragua, and even here in our local community, not all people can afford to visit the dentist or take care of their teeth. Poor oral health can increase the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, cancers, stroke, and more. That's why our church is supporting the Dental Clinics at Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti and AMOS Health & Hope in Nicaragua. Both clinics offer respectful, quality care to people in need, including teeth cleanings, exams, x-rays, fluoride treatments, extractions, fillings, and root canals.

Jesus' story is one of hope and healing. And when we put our faith into action to share smiles and share hope, ours can be, too. More than 200 people are on Hope Clinic's waiting list for dental care. You can help by asking your local dentist to accept patient referrals from Hope Clinic. Dental care matters, especially for the most vulnerable people. Your donation of just \$32 will cover the cost of one Dental Clinic visit for a patient at Hope Clinic or AMOS. Our church's goal is to share hope with 32 people in need by raising funds for a total of 32 Dental Clinic patients.

After worship, you can make a donation and pick up information about patient referrals to give to your dentist by stopping by the "Smiles for Hope" bulletin board in the hallway on your way out of the sanctuary. We've raised \$1,440 so far! Thank you for sharing smiles and sharing hope!

Our Coffee Break Concert Series celebrates J.S.Bach's music in *Bach Celebration: Happy Birthday to J.S. Bach* on Thursday, March 19, at 12:15pm. The program will feature Bach's vocal and instrumental music. Organist Alice Van Wambeke, pianist Ling-Ju Lai, violinist Phoebe Gelzer-Govatos with Shin-Ae Chun on continuo organ will respectively perform *Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552* (known as St. Anne) for organ, *Tocatta in C Minor, BWV 911* for keyboard, *Violin Sonata in E Minor, BWV 1023* for violin and continuo. This concert will also introduce an early music vocal ensemble, directed by Shin-Ae Chun, which has recently been created with volunteer singers from our own community to perform sacred music of the Renaissance and Baroque eras. The ensemble will perform *Wohl mir, dass ich Jesum habe* from *Cantata BWV 174* and two four-part chorale settings *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr* and *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir*. This is a free concert and open to all. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors. Come and enjoy a potpourri of beautiful music by J.S. Bach. If you would like to help with refreshments, please contact Shin-Ae Chun (shinaechun@gmail.com).

Children & Youth Education and Music

Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship; Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. 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, Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com).

Children (4-years old through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Children's Choir (K-5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30 from their Church School classrooms, at 12:00 from the choir room or at the end of 2nd Hour programming (12:30) back in the classrooms. Youth Church School class is from 11:30-12:30 pm in the youth room.

Readings for Sunday, March 15

Exodus 17:1-7 * Psalm 96 * Romans 5:1-11 * John 4:5-42