

*Holy Spirit, come and breathe upon the worries
that can keep us far from you.
And enable us to discover the wellspring of trust
placed in the depth of our being.*
(Prayer by Brother Roger of Taizé)

Welcome, Explanations, Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We have been in the wilderness.

All: We have been made separate; we live at strange distance from each other.

One: Where we are, we work, we seek, we dream.

All: We wonder, we pray, we yearn, we wait.

One: And in this wilderness, we are not alone. The love of God is with us, between us, among us.

All: So let us worship the God of our darkest nights and our brightest days.

Invocation

Ringling of the Singing Bowl

The Psalm (unison) Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Song – “Family”

Gospel Reading

John 9

Readers Theater

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

you have made us by love, for love,

but we have fallen short of love.

We have let our fears outweigh our compassion,

we have let our doubts dim our purpose,

we have let our cravings crowd out our concern.

Forgive us, we pray.

Set us free to embrace your love,

and with all our hearts, to share it. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Prayers of Intercession

Sermon - *In the Wilderness of Not Knowing, and Knowing*

Offering – you can give online here - <https://www.fbca2.org/give/>

Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Opportunities to connect with God and each other:

Fellowship Time! – [Zoom in today](#), 11:00a-11:30a.

Meeting ID: 767 252 780

Password: 097294

Youth Group – Zoom gathering at 4:00pm today. (see youth e-newsletter for details)

Night Prayers – livestreamed on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/fbca2](https://www.facebook.com/fbca2)) every night, Monday through Saturday, at 8:30pm.

Opportunities to serve:

Severe blood shortage, donors urgently needed! – <https://www.redcrossblood.org>

Sew CDC-compliant face masks for healthcare workers! – St. Joseph Mercy Hospital needs hundreds of masks as soon as possible. Ann Arbor Sewing Center is serving as a drop-off site for the masks. Find a written pattern and YouTube video tutorial [here](#) (ignore the update in that article indicating Deaconess, in Indiana, has sufficient masks – St. Joe's still desperately needs masks).

Donate protective gear for health care workers and patients at Michigan Medicine. Drive-through donation site open daily, 12:00p-5:00p, at the U-M North Campus Research Complex. [Find more details here](#).