



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ascension Sunday
May 29, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE

Gott des Himmels und der Erden, Op.34
(God of Heaven and Earth)

Carl Piutti
(1846-1902, German)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Julie Smith

*HYMN 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 27

Julie Smith

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome!

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Leader: For God is sovereign over all. The leaders of the nation come together and are now the people of Abraham's God.

People: All rulers of the earth surrender their weapons, and God is greatly praised!

ALL: Sing praises to God, sing praises! For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome!

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:1-11

Julie Smith

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children 5th grade and younger come for Time as Children and then leave for Church School.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

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

ANTHEM

Call to Remembrance

- Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercy and Thy loving kindness,
Which hath been ever of old.

O Remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to Thy mercy,
Think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Invitation

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

At the River

- arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

*HYMN 192 (vv. 1-2, 5-6)

There's a Spirit in the Air

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jubilate on "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Alice Jordan
(1916-2012, American)

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Helen Louise Bowser.*

We pray for Ron Tipton, Phyl White, Joe & Kathy Mortensen, Stacey Simpson Duke, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Laura Parmelee, Mike & Suzanne, Glen Modell, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Ulysses Slaughter, Jr., Mia Jermano, Del Jones, Katie Mason, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, Leah Grange, Lisa Hesse, Karl, Maren Brogger, and Kris Ledyard Arges.



Worship Sign-In – Use the QR code to let us know you're here!

You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online at paypal.me/fbca2.

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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, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) about Children's Ministry or Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com) about Youth Ministry.

Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Please come pick up your children from the Children's Ministry wing after worship. The nursery is available during worship for 3 year olds and younger.

Youth (6th-12th grade) go to the youth room for youth group immediately following worship.

Group Sharing and Sermon Discussion. Join Pastor Paul in the Memorial Lounge for discussion and connection, 11:15a-12:00p.

Poetry & Faith. Join us online via Zoom (fbca2.org/poetryandfaith) for this adult spiritual formation opportunity, 11:30-12:30.

Join us for **Night Prayer** on Tuesday nights at 8:30pm on our church Facebook page for a simple short service of prayer.

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Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Hey kids, teens, and families, let's hang out at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival together on Tuesday, June 14th! We'll gather around 5:00p and will be sure to catch the two circus performers at 5:45p and 6:45p. Come when you can and stay as long as you'd like! There is free parking at church, we'll have a reserved spot on the festival lawn, and we'll be buying cotton candy for everyone who comes! Let Xan and Stacey know you're coming at fbca2.org/a2sf.

Let's have some fun and spread some love while we volunteer together at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival! On Tuesday, June 21 from 5:00-7:45p, you're invited to join folks from FBCA2 to greet attendees at Top of the Park and offer guidance regarding compost, recycling, and landfill items to help reach the Festival Footprint goals! All ages are welcome! Volunteers under the age of 10 do not need to officially sign up but are invited to come with their families! **SIGN UP HERE!**

We encourage all volunteers to wear one of our "Love over..." shirts. Let's spread the love! You can purchase a t-shirt, long sleeve shirt, or sweatshirt by clicking [here](#). Youth and adult sizes are available. The church is happy to subsidize the cost when needed. Questions? Connect with Xan.

Hope Clinic Food Drive. We are asking for household and food items in May, June, and July. This month is breakfast foods. Today, we are collecting name brand cereal including whole wheat granola, breakfast bars, and packets of instant oatmeal. Hope Clinic fills a vital role in providing food for our neediest during summer months when kids are not receiving school lunches. Please consider donating generously.

In addition, Hope Clinic has several Amazon wishlists (food pantry, medical, etc.) These can be found at this link: <https://thehopeclinic.org/donating-stuff>. These items can be shipped directly to Hope Clinic. Please email Nancy Paul if you give directly so we can include your gift in our total. If home pickup is needed, email Linda Turner. Thank you for your generosity!

2022 Scholarships are available from the Chester and Violet Loucks and Fullerton funds for post-secondary education. For an application, please contact Mary Davis (madrad@umich.edu or 734-352-0732). The deadline for receipt of applications is June 5.

Hosting at Hope Clinic. We need volunteers to help cook or serve a to-go hot meal on the third Thursday of each month at Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. No experience required; volunteers must be 12 or older. Interested? Connect with Karen Rayner (rayner.kar@gmail.com)

Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley & FBCA2. The owners of the H4H 2021 projects are living in their new homes and enjoying the fruits of their and our labors. The continued support of FBCA2 has made the many homes possible since 2001 and have contributed seed money for the 2022 homes. This year, our FBC Saturday work day is June 11th and our Friday workday is July 22nd. To contribute financially, you can write a check to First Baptist Church ("Good News House" in the memo line). Reach out to Scott Diels (hscottdiels@gmail.com) for information or to sign up.

Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code to the right.





Many ministry partners help make the Sunday mornings happen! Sign up to greet (great for all ages!), usher (passing the offering plate), and/or set up and clean up Fellowship Time. Questions about greeting, connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org). Questions about ushering, connect with Cesar Alaniz (calaniz@umich.edu). Questions about hosting Fellowship Time, connect with Mary Davis (marydavis1956@gmail.com) or Sue Ellen Glover (gloverse@hotmail.com).



It is a treat to have flowers for worship! Would you like to help make this happen? If so, choose a Sunday, share in the comment who you'd like to honor (or give thanks for) with the flowers which will be included in the bulletin, and then bring a bouquet of flowers to church during the day on Friday or Sunday morning (by 9:40)! Questions? Connect with Maryann Bowen, chair of Board of Worship.



Each Sunday this summer, we are looking for 1 volunteer to laugh and play with the kids! Volunteers will always be working in partnership with our paid caregiver. This is a great opportunity for teens (6th grade and older) and adults alike! Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan.



Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month at FBCA2. Each Communion Sunday, we need 6 people to partner with Pastors Stacey and Paul to distribute communion. For more information about the specific roles and responsibilities click here: [Communion Instructions](#). Have questions? Connect with Board of Worship member, Cesar Alaniz.



Youth, you are an important part of our worshipping community! 4th through 12th graders are invited to acolyte once a month or every other month. Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan.