



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Xan Morgan
PRELUDE	<i>Finale (Sonata 5)</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
*INVOCATION (*If you are able, please stand)		Amanda Shutko
*HYMN 318	Christ Is Alive	<i>TRURO</i>
*THE PSALM	from Psalm 116:12-18	Amanda Shutko
One: What can I give back to God for all of God's blessings to me?		
All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will keep my promises to God.		
One: O Lord, I am your servant; you have set me free.		
All: I will offer you all my thanks and call on the name of the Lord.		
*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)		
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!		
EPISTLE READING	1 Peter 1:17-23	Amanda Shutko
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God!		
TIME AS CHILDREN		Xan Morgan
(Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School)		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Heather Entrekin
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896		
ANTHEM	<i>Laudamus Te</i> from <i>Gloria</i>	- Antonio Vivaldi Bonnie Kidd and Coley Roberts, <i>soprano duet</i>
Laudamus Te,	<i>We praise you</i>	
Benedicimus Te,	<i>We bless you</i>	
Adoramus Te,	<i>We adore you</i>	
Glorificamus Te	<i>We glorify you</i>	
*GOSPEL READING	Luke 24:15-37	Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God!		
SERMON	The Companion	Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Offertory

- John Ness Beck
Bob Kidd, *baritone soloist*

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings; shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*HYMN (see insert)

Christ the Host

W ZLOBIE LEZY

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on Hymn 308

Alexandre Guilmant

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of my husband, the Rev. Charles R. Hatt, Sr.*

~ Mary Margaret Hatt ~

We pray for Marlene Francis, Jill Damon, Mary Margaret Hatt, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Lauren Bowen, Grange Burnside, Graham DePriest, Fred Vanosdall, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Allison Lovell, Mia Jermano, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, Kris Ledyard Arges, and Jackie.

Our organist, **Dr. Shin-Ae Chun**, is on leave. We welcome **Gale Kramer** to the organ this morning. Gale Kramer retired in 2007 after thirty years as organist of the Rice Memorial Organ at Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit. During fifteen years of that time, he was the organist for Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Before that, he served nine years as organist of Ann Arbor's First Congregational Church.

Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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The Reverend Dr. Paul Duke, *Pastor*

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Dr. Shin-Ae Chun, *Organist*

Coley Roberts, *Children's Choir Director*

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We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.

You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2) and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.

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. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 yrs) on the top floor. Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children.

Following worship today, children (Young 5s-5th grade) and youth (6th-12th gr) have their rehearsal for Children and Youth Sunday. We'll begin with a pizza lunch in the play space on the top floor immediately after worship and at 11:45 we will move into the Sanctuary to rehearse. Rehearsal will end at 1:00p with younger kids wrapping up earlier. Families with young kids are welcome to play upstairs while older siblings rehearse.

Lament for a Son Discussion Group. Lament for a Son Discussion Group. You are invited to take part in a conversation centered on Wolterstorff's *Lament for a Son*, today at 11:30a in the Lounge. Pastor Paul Duke will lead. Nicholas Wolterstorff is a well-known Christian philosopher writing not as a scholar, but as a father grieving his son. Please note, reading the book is not required for participation. All are welcome.

Our Annual Program Meeting Our Annual Program Meeting will be held after worship on April 30. Everyone is invited to stay after the meeting for a potluck lunch (our first potluck since January 2020!). The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages. To make sure we have enough food and a variety, please sign up at fbca2.org/connect. If your last name begins with A-D, please bring a potato, rice, or pasta dish. If your last name begins with E-M, please bring fruit or a dessert. If your name begins with N - Z, please bring a salad or vegetable.

Beginning May 7 and concluding on June 7, our Adult Spiritual Formation series will be "Journeys Worth Sharing." On these Sundays (with the exception of the Memorial Day weekend), some members of our congregations will share stories of their own faith experience. Two people will speak each week, telling of how their faith has developed and changed through the years. We will hear of the challenges some of them have faced, perhaps their doubts and triumphs, their spiritual practices and insights, and what their faith means to them now. Ample time will be given each week for questions and group discussion. This series promises to be thought-provoking and inspiring, and will provide a great opportunity to get to know each other better. Please join us!

Our next Shared Suppers evenings are May 13 and 14. The Board of Care and Community sponsors this opportunity for our FBC Family to gather and get to know one another better. What better way to do that than around a table? We gather in smallish groups (6-8ish) in homes for Shared Suppers. The groups will be different every time so folks can interact with those they may not know so well. If you are interested in being on the list of participants email Mary Davis or stop by the Ministry Station at church to leave your name and email. Being on the list only indicates interest, not a commitment to come. You will be contacted for availability about two weeks before each supper. Of course, everyone won't be able to come every time. Children/youth are welcome to participate. Shared transportation can also be arranged.

Join us for Midweek Bible Study! Wednesdays at 1:00p in the memorial lounge. The group is studying the Gospel of Luke, led by Dr. Astrid Beck.

Campus Ministry on Wednesdays at 6:45p in the Campus Center living room. Subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.

Poetry and Faith discussion group. Join a lively, though virtual, discussion of poems and faith. We next gather via Zoom at 7:00pm on April 24. The link is fbca2.org/poetry. We meet monthly.

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



Calendar

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| April 23 | Children and Youth Rehearsal at 11:20a in the upstairs play space
A discussion of <i>Lament for a Son</i> @11:30a in the Lounge. |
| April 26 | Bible Study @1:00p in Lounge
The Gathering @6:45p in the Lounge |
| April 27 | Sanctuary Choir rehearsal @7:00p |
| April 24 | Faith and Poetry discussion @7:00 via Zoom |
| April 30 | Annual Program Meeting @11:30a in the fellowship hall. |