



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

Psalm-Prelude, Set 1/2 (Ps. 37, v. 11)

Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Mark Ely

*HYMN 92 (stanzas 1-2, 4, 6)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

*THE PSALM

Psalm 66:8, 16-20

Mark Ely

One: O people bless our God. Let the voice of God's praise resound, who kept us among the living, and kept our feet from stumbling.

Many: **Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for my soul.**

One: To God I cried aloud, with high praise ready on my tongue. If there had been evil in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

Many: **But truly God has listened and has heeded the voice of my prayer.**

All: **Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer and did not withhold love from me.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Love of God Shines Through Me

FBCA2 Children's Choir
Coley Roberts and Heather Reed

Though I'm sad, I snuggle and hug
Though I'm sad, I can still play
Though I'm sad, I take deep breaths
The Love of God shines through me

God is Love, so I will share
God is Love, so I show I care
God is Love, so I speak up
The Love of God shines through me.

I have so much, so I donate and give
I have so much, so I can share
I have so much, so I play with others
The Love of God shines through me

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

Paul Simpson Duke

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

ANTHEM

If You Love Me

- René Clausen

If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; ev'n the spirit of truth. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come. No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

*GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

Mark Ely

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

On Being Good

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Like as the Hart

- Healey Willan

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

*HYMN 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O filii et filiae
(O sons and daughters)

Jean-François Dandrieu
(c.1862-1738)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of and gratitude for
mothers and mothers-of-the-heart everywhere.*

~ *The Eavy family* ~

We pray for Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Mary Margaret Hatt, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Lauren Bowen, David Gregg, Jay Arnett, Grange Burnside, Graham DePriest, Fred Vanosdall, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Simona Butler, 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 **Thomas Strode** as our organist this morning. Dr. Strode retired in 2019 from his position as Director of Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Ann Arbor.

We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an 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.

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

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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. 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, children (Young 5s-K) have Children's Choir with Coley Roberts and younger children (birth-4s) are invited to have supervised time in our play space. Care is provided for children until 12:30p when 2nd Hour classes for adults and teens wrap up. Please pick up your kids in the play space on the top floor. Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head to *Journeys Worth Sharing* today as one of our youth, Chloe Eavy will be sharing her story! If you are visiting and would like more information, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org). If you are visiting and would like more information, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Our Adult Spiritual Formation series is "Journeys Worth Sharing." On Sundays through June 4 (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!

Interested in becoming a member of FBCA2? Our next Blessing of New Members will be next Sunday, May 21 and we would love to have you join us. Connect with Pastor Paul or Xan Morgan to learn more about First Baptist Church, hear how you can connect with the life and ministry of this congregation, ask questions, and get some insight into what membership at FBCA2 means.

Hope serves our neighbors with the most need. Located in Ypsilanti, it provides food, health and dental care, mental health care, pharmacy and laundry services, and daily hot meals to the area's poorest residents at no cost. Our church is holding a food drive for the next three months to fill and replenish Hope Clinic's pantry. For the month of May, we are requesting non-food groceries, hygiene items (toilet paper and feminine hygiene), laundry, and cleaning supplies. You may also go to Hope Clinic's website to purchase through their Amazon wish list. You may drop donations off at church on Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Campus Ministry concludes this Wednesday, May 17, and will resume in September. Subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.

Faith and Family Small Group. All Children's Ministry families are invited to join us on Friday, May 19th from 6:15-8:15p at the Magers' home (4861 Polo Fields Dr.). We'll have supervised care for the kids while the parents connect with one another. Dinner will be provided. Please email Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) if you plan to attend.

Volunteering Together at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Let's have some fun and spread some love while we volunteer together at the A² Summer Festival! On Wednesday, June 21 from 5-7:45p, 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; **sign up at fbca2.org/connect!** Volunteers under the age of 10 yrs do not need to officially sign up but are invited to come with their families! **After we are done volunteering, you are invited to stick around and enjoy the festival with those who are gathered. Some of us, the Youth Group in particular, will be staying to watch Inside Out on the big screen at 10:00p.**

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.

Scholarships Available. Applications are available for the Chester & Violet Loucks and Fullerton scholarships which are awarded to members of the FBC family in support of post-secondary education. Applications are available from Mary Davis (madrad@umich.edu) and are due by June 1.

American Baptist Women's Ministries Annual conference! You may not be familiar with this group - but it is an amazing group! Once I started going to the annual conference about 20 years ago, I haven't missed one since! It is a wonderful time to relax, rejoice and rejuvenate yourself. The ABWM has been doing great work through their missions; locally, statewide, nationally and internationally for over a century! The Annual conference is a great place to learn and participate in mission work, a great time to fellowship with women from across the state and a time to get a booster shot in your own personal spiritual life. You can come for the full weekend, or just for part. It is June 2-4, 2023 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Michigan (just 75 mins away). Check out the bulletin board for a registration form, see Carolyn Grapentine or check in with Lori Zupan through her email - loriz@tsshome.com. Please register by May 19th. Hope to see you there!

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



Calendar

May 14	"Journeys Worth Sharing" discussion group @11:30a in the Lounge
May 17	Bible Study @1:00p in Lounge The Gathering @6:45p in the Lounge
May 18	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal @7:00p
May 21	Blessing of New Members
June 11-17	Church Camp
June 18	Baptism Sunday