



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 16, 2023

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

## PRELUDE

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731*  
(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here)

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750, German)

## \*INVOCATION

(\*If you are able, please stand)

Lucas Spotts

## \*HYMN 57 (stanzas 1-4)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*AZMON*

## \*THE PSALM

Psalm 1

Lucas Spotts

One: Blessed is the one who does not walk in the way of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers,

**All: but who delights in the law of the Lord, and meditates day and night on God's instruction.**

One: This one is like a tree planted by streams of water, which bears fruit in its season; its leaves do not wither, and in all it does it thrives.

**All: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

One: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**All: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## \*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:1-4

Lucas Spotts

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert)

Open Our Eyes

*OPEN OUR EYES*

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 2nd grade) will head to Summer Children's Ministry in the upstairs play space.)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

arr. by Joseph M. Martin  
Coley Roberts, *soprano*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought.  
My sin not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend.  
"Even so," it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 119:105-112

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*The Luminous Word*

Paul Simpson Duke

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

George Shearing  
(1919-2011, English)

**\*HYMN 598**

O Word of God Incarnate

*MUNICH*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Michael Burkhardt  
(b.1957, American)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
and with gratitude for our FBC family.*

*~ Mary Davis & Scott Diels ~*

We pray for the family and friends of **Mia Jermano**. We also pray for **Marlene Francis, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Mary Margaret Hatt, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Lauren Bowen, David Gregg, Grange Burnside, Graham DePriest, Fred Vanosdall, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Simona Butler, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, and Jackie.**

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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 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.

**Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church.** Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infants through 3 yrs) on the top floor. Children (through 2nd grade) leave for time together in our Children's Ministry play space following Time as Children. Please pick up your kids after worship and before heading to Fellowship Time. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children and Youth Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

**Please join us for fellowship time after worship.** During summer Sundays, we'll gather outside near the parking lot and playground. On Sundays with uncooperative weather, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall.

**For the past 40 years, Hope Clinic has been serving those in need in our community.** Located in Ypsilanti, it provides food, health and dental care, mental health care, pharmacy and laundry services, and daily hot meals at no cost. Our church is holding a food drive for three months to fill and replenish Hope Clinic's pantry. In July, we are looking for **kid-friendly foods**, such as pasta, pasta sauce, hearty soups, canned tuna and chicken, peanut butter and other nut/seed butters, ready rice and lentil packets, canned ravioli, chili with meat, breakfast cereals, and condiments. All non-perishable food items are gladly accepted, but in Hope's quest to offer healthier foods, they especially appreciate nonperishable selections made from whole grains and items low in sodium and sugars.

You may go to Hope Clinic's website and donate through Amazon. If you decide to donate through Amazon, please email Nancy Paul at [nkpaul1505@gmail.com](mailto:nkpaul1505@gmail.com) and let her know what you ordered. Of course, you may always drop off items at church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**FBCA2 is hosting a Recharge Space for families with young children during the Ann Arbor Art Fair.** Swing by 517 E. Washington between noon and 6p to recharge as you need. We're offering the following: a gated playground in the shade with places to sit, popsicles and a water refilling station, craft materials for kids, all gender/accessible bathrooms with changing table, 2 air-conditioned lactation spaces, a sensory room with low lighting and play mats, sunscreen and menstrual products, and outlets, phone cords, and wifi. A big thanks to all the volunteer hosts who are making this possible!

**Art Fairs Parking Lot.** We have five artists who will rent spaces in our lot during the Art Fairs this year (July 20-22). We will also have the several spaces for cars to rent through Air Garage. Funds raised during these three days will split between the Board of Christian Education for Youth Ministry activities and the Board of Mission Action for the Warming Center and Overnight Shelter.

We need volunteers for two-hour shifts to supervise the lot in order to make sure the reserved spaces are kept opened. Volunteers will sit at the entrance to explain which spaces are available and how to pay through Air Garage (there will be no money collection). If the AG spaces are full, volunteers will turn people away. Volunteers will have a reserved spot if they wish to shop before or after their shift. Contact Sue Ellen ([gloverse@hotmail.com](mailto:gloverse@hotmail.com)) if you have questions. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0845adac2aabf58-artfairs#/>

**Faith and Family Small Group heads to the pool!** All Children Ministry families are invited to the Georgetown CC pool next Sunday, July 23 from noon-2:00p. RSVP to Xan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) so we can plan accordingly.

**The Jim Toy Community Center and local congregations are gathering together to talk and pray about the recent Supreme Court ruling on 303 Creative v Elenis.** The Jim Toy Community Center is a local nonprofit that “envisions an inclusive community where people of diverse sexual orientation and gender identity are visible and live together in equality, respect, and happiness.” We’ll gather next Sunday, July 23rd from 4:00-5:30 at First United Methodist next door. First Baptist is helping to host the gathering and will be providing refreshments; if you are able to make a baked good, please email Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)).

**Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley & FBCA2.** The owners of the H4H 2022 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 has contributed seed money for the 2023 homes. Our FBC Habitat for Humanity workdays are July 29 and August 11. 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](mailto:hscottdiels@gmail.com)) for information or to sign up.

**Pride in the Park.** As a Welcoming and Affirming church, we have a commitment to offering a counter-witness to the messages of condemnation, exclusion, rejection, and even hatred the LGBTQ+ community has historically received from churches and from Christians. Join us at Pride in the Park on Saturday, August 5, from noon to 9:00p to help us offer our public witness to love and welcome for all, especially for those who have not felt welcomed elsewhere. Stop by our FBCA2 tent and spin the Gift Wheel!

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



### Calendar

July 20-22	RECHARGE Space
July 23	Faith & Family @12 noon at the Georgetown CC pool
July 23	Community Discussion & Prayer on Supreme Court Ruling @4:00p at FUMC
July 29	FBC/Habitat for Humanity Work Day
August 5	Pride in the Park @12 noon
August 11	FBC/Habitat for Humanity Work Day