



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 23, 2023

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

## PRELUDE

*Herr, für dein Wort sei hoch gepreist, BuxWV 187*  
(Lord, for Your Word Be Highly Praised)

Dieterich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707, German)

## \*INVOCATION

(\*If you are able, please stand)

Scott Diels

## \*HYMN 75

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*

## \*THE PSALM

from Psalm 139:1-11

Scott Diels

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You see my path and my lying down; you know all my ways.

All: **Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot grasp it.**

One: Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

All: **If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

One: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

All: **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is light to you.**

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

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

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:18-25

Scott Diels

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

Mary Davis

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*A Simple Song*

Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Schwartz  
Bonnie Kidd, *soprano*

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laudē. Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laudē  
Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things,  
For God is the simplest of all, For God is the simplest of all.  
I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.  
I will sing His praises while I live. All of my days.  
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,  
Blessed is the man who praises Him. Lauda, Lauda, Laudē  
And walks in His ways.  
I will lift up my eyes To the hills from whence comes my help  
I will lift up my voice to the Lord, Singing Lauda, Laudē.  
For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,  
And the sun shall not smite me by day, nor moon by night.  
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laudē  
And walks in His ways. Lauda, Lauda, Laudē.  
Lauda, Lauda di da di day. All of my days.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 13:24-35

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*The Un-Pure Field*

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

*In the Garden*

Dan Miller  
(b.1954, American)

**\*HYMN 534**

Be Still, My Soul

*FINLANDIA*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro*  
from *Fantasia in G Major, BWV 571*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750, German)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in honor of my mother Carolyn M. Levine.*

*~ Deb Levine ~*

We pray for 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.

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

**Back-to-School Supplies for Community Action Network (CAN).** For many, many years our congregation has provided backpacks filled with school supplies as well as miscellaneous supplies so the children served at the seven CAN sites will start the new school year prepared. The staff at CAN have adjusted their method of collecting this year, to better meet the growing demand.

We hope our congregation will continue to generously provide for the children and youth of CAN. We offer two methods. 1) simply visit the Amazon registry using the link on our website (fbca2.org/connect) and select the items you wish to contribute. When you checkout, select the address associated with the Registry (809 Taylor St., Ann Arbor, MI 48105). The items will get shipped right to CAN where they will be sorted and delivered to each site in time for our Back-to-School events in mid-August; and 2) as in previous years, you may also make a financial donation and let us do the shopping. Sue Ellen will accept donations until August 1 and then apply those donations to the Amazon registry.

**For the past 40 years, Hope Clinic has been serving those in need in our community.** We are wrapping up our collection for the clinic pantry next Sunday, July 30. We are looking for **kid-friendly foods**, but all non-perishable food items are gladly accepted. 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 and let her know what you ordered. Of course, you may always drop off items at church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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) for information or to sign up.

**Men’s Book Club.** Wouldn’t it be great if we had the ability to turn water into wine? Or how about turning metal into gold? While we may not discover the secrets of alchemy, the book club will be discussing the many revelations to be found in Paulo Coelho’s critically acclaimed book, *The Alchemist*. We will be gathering at the home of Dan Barry on July 30 at 5PM. Contact Dan (wilsonbarry614@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**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 on Main Street between William and Washington to spin the Gift Wheel!

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



### Calendar

July 23	Faith & Family @12 noon at the Georgetown CC pool
July 29	FBC/Habitat for Humanity Work Day
July 30	FBC Men’s Book Club @5:00p at Barry/Wilson home
August 5	Pride in the Park @12 noon
August 11	FBC/Habitat for Humanity Work Day