



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

Nicaea (Excerpt)
Fanfare and Trumpet Tune

Christopher Tambling
(1964-2015, British)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Nancy Fajardo

*HYMN 77 (stanzas 1-2, 4)

How Great Thou Art

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*THE PSALM

Psalm 105:1-4

Nancy Fajardo

One: Give thanks to the Lord!

All: **Sing to God! Sing praises to God!**

One: Tell of the wonderful works of the Lord!

All: **Seek the Lord. Continually seek God's presence and strength,
and let your hearts rejoice!**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nancy Fajardo

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert)

Open Our Eyes

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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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Xan Morgan

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Minuet and Trio

Johann Sebastian Bach
Ingrid Ford, *flute*
Kathleen Ford, *cello*

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 D.J. Reed
 Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Kingdom Expanded* D.J. Reed

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Beecher* Don Hustad
 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (1918-2013, American)

***HYMN 382** Have Thine Own Way, Lord *ADELAIDE*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
 Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.
 Response: **And also with you.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Nicaea (Excerpt)* Christopher Tambling
 Fanfare and Trumpet Tune (1964-2015, British)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in gratitude for this church family
and the many volunteers who help FBCA2 shine the light of God's love.*

~ Kat Becker ~

We pray for **Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Mary Margaret Hatt, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Lauren Bowen, David Gregg, Rob Snyder, Grange Burnside, Graham DePriest, Fred Vanosdall, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Simona Butler, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, and Jackie.**

We welcome the **Rev. D.J. Reed** to the pulpit this morning. D.J., his wife Heather, and his two sons, Danny (17) and Lincoln (14), have been members at First Baptist since May 2023 and have been attending since last summer. Previously, D.J. served as the pastor of Chilson Hills Church (Howell, MI) for 11 years, and has served in other ministry positions for five other churches during a 25+ year career. In May 2022, D.J. left church ministry to begin a career in healthcare chaplaincy. Currently, he serves as a staff chaplain at Trinity Oakland Hospital (Pontiac). DJ is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Messiah University (B.A.). He and Heather have been married for 25 years and have enjoyed many experiences in 4 different states (Illinois, California, Texas and Michigan).

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Kat Becker, *Administrator*

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.

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: *CAN has grown so much over the past couple of years. In order to better serve each community, we have created an Amazon Registry that includes supplies and backpacks for the students across all of CAN's sites. We are hoping this registry will make it easier on our wonderful donors to support CAN families and ask that donors contribute this way instead of dropping off supplies to our community centers like in previous years.*

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 at 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. 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.

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 next FBC Habitat for Humanity workday is 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.

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!

Art on a Journey Exhibition. You're invited to attend the Art on a Journey Art Show at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch. The Art on a Journey Art Show displays artwork created by homeless and formerly homeless people. The exhibit runs from August 1 to September 14 in the lower-level display case area. To meet the artists, attend the Opening Reception on August 4th between 5:30 and 7:15PM in the Downtown Lower-Level Multipurpose Room. All artwork is for sale (cash only). Artists donate 10% of what they sell to Journey of Faith's homeless ministry. When homeless artists create and sell their art, they gain much needed financial support while making sense of the world and finding meaning and purpose in it — it's a journey we're all on. Learn more at <https://www.artonajourney.gallery/>

We The People Opportunity Farm are having their 6th Annual Harvest Festival of Thanks event and are seeking volunteers. August 26, 12:00p-3:00p, at 1301 South Harris Rd, Ypsilanti. Tasks Include set up, tear down, check-in/welcome booth, pick up food, serve food, bounce house monitor and more! For more information, contact them at info@wtpof.org. To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/WTPOF>

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



Calendar

August 5	Pride in the Park @12 noon
August 11	FBC/Habitat for Humanity Work Day
August 26	We the People Opportunity Farm Harvest Festival