



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Foster

PRELUDE *Siciliano, Op.47, No.5* Max Reger
(1873-1916, German)

***INVOCATION** Danny Reed
(*If you are able, please stand)

***HYMN 160** (stanzas 1, 3, 5) Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart *MARION*

***THE PSALM** from Psalm 27 Danny Reed

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 45:1-28 Gretchen Sanewsky
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymnal 147, v. 4) All Things Bright and Beautiful *ROYAL OAK*
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Bill Foster
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 18:15-22 Danny Reed
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace

arr. by Jay Althouse
Michelle Ding, *soprano*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

SERMON

Unhooked

Gretchen Sanewsky

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Alice Jordan
(1916-2012, American)

*HYMN 365 (stanzas 1, 3-4)

Grace Greater than Our Sin

MOODY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale

Janet Linker
from *Variations for Organ on How Firm a Foundation* (b.1938, American)

We pray for Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Mary Margaret Hatt, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Lauren Bowen, David Gregg, Grange Burnside, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Marjorie Minor, Simona Butler, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, and Jackie.

Rev. Gretchen Sanewsky, and her daughter Kylan, have been members of First Baptist for eight years. Gretchen spent 23 years of her career as a Pastor, served churches in New York State, and most recently served as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson. Immediately following her ministry in Jackson, she was the Director of Outreach for Huron Valley PACE serving older adults with chronic health conditions. Gretchen is currently the Executive Director of The Arc of Northwest Wayne County, a nonprofit providing advocacy and support to people with disabilities. She is a native of Canada but has spent many years in New York State and Michigan. She has three young adult children.

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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.

Our next Shared Suppers evenings are September 9 and 10. 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.

The FBC Ladies' Book Club will next meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm to discuss *The Trees* by Percival Everett. Paula Burton will be hosting the group. All ladies are welcome! Please contact Janice Stumpf or Mary Gregg if you have any questions.

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. 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. August 26, 12:00p-3:00p, at 1301 South Harris Rd, Ypsilanti. For more information, contact them at info@wtpof.org.

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 26	We the People Opportunity Farm Harvest Festival
September 9 & 10	Shared Suppers
September 10	Home Coming Sunday
September 12	Ladies Book Club @6:30p
September 29	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p