



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 1, 2023

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Xan Morgan

PRELUDE *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, Verses 1-4* Georg Böhm  
(Whoever Lets the Dear God Rule) (1661-1733, German)

\*INVOCATION Gretchen Sanewsky  
(\*If you are able, please stand)

\*HYMN 152 I Sing the Almighty Power of God *FOREST GREEN*

\*THE PSALM Psalm 84:1-3, 5, 11b-12 Gretchen Sanewsky

One: How lovely is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts.

All: **My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to the living God.**

One: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, at your altars, O lord of hosts.

All: **Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways of Zion.**

One: The Lord withholds no good thing from those who walk uprightly.

All: **O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

\*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

SCRIPTURE READING Philipians 2:1-13 Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert) God Be in My Head *LYTLINGTON*

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan

(Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 1st grade) will head to Children's Ministry. On the first Sunday of the month, 2nd-5th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday - S3!)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Valerie Francia

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* - arr. Philip Lawson  
Coley Roberts and Isaac Thompson, *soloists*

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sisters let's go down,  
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way!

○ brothers let's go down...  
○ fathers let's go down...  
○ mothers let's go down...  
○ sinners let's go down....

## SERMON

*He Emptied Himself*

Paul Simpson Duke

## SILENT REFLECTION

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

**All: Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" - hymnal page 896)

The Bread *Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder, BWV 742* by J.S.Bach

The Cup *Contemplation, Op.82, No.2* by Alexandre Guilmant

Prayer after Communion

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Song of Unity*

- Karen Marrolli

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for people to walk hand in hand.  
How precious, how glorious when God's people dwell in unity all through the land.  
When the ties that bind us are stronger by far than the walls that can only divide.  
Behold how good and how pleasant it is when God's people stand side by side!  
Behold how good and how pleasant it is when, led by the call from above,  
Through words and through actions, all God's people tell the story of peace and love,  
when the roads of compassion and love lead us home, far away from the wasteland of fear.  
How precious, how glorious when God's people choose to hold loving kindness dear!  
Hand in hand, side by side, we will build what the darkness would divide!  
World of light, world of peace, kingdom where hate and division shall cease!  
**(Congregation stands and sings with the choir):**  
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.**  
**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above!**

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, Verses 5-7*  
(Whoever Lets the Dear God Rule)

Georg Böhm  
(1661-1733, German)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in honor of all the animals, past and present,  
that have made our lives more meaningful.*

*~ Jillian, Drew, James, and Emory Mast ~*

We pray for **Betty Doman, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, David Gregg, Grange Burnside, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Marjorie Minor, Simona Butler, John Rowe, Fay Key, Jackie, and Amy.**

Today's **Fellowship Offering** will go towards the Fellowship Fund which provides for meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Please give generously.

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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.

Join us for refreshments after worship in the fellowship hall. We look forward to connecting with you!

**Children's Ministry.** 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 years) on the top floor. Children (through 1st grade) leave for time together in our Children's Ministry play space and 2nd-5th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday - S3! Children's Choir (PreK- 5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30 from their Church School classrooms, at 12:00 from the choir room, or at the end of 2nd Hour programming (12:30) in the play space on the top floor. If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

**On the first Sunday of each month it's "S3 - Stay for the Service Sunday"** when the 2nd-5th grade class will stay in worship for the whole service. This gives the kids an opportunity to experience and participate in the second half of worship. This is a valuable step in their faith formation as worshipers! They are invited to sit with Xan and their classmates during worship. Following worship, the 2nd-5th graders will attend Fellowship Time with their families until Children's Choir begins at 11:30.

**Youth (grades 6-12)** are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head down to the Youth Room (directly underneath the Sanctuary) for Youth Group, 11:30a- 12:30p. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to enjoy snacks, play pool, and discuss their faith together. We're beginning a study based on Rachel Held Evans' book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Learning to Love The Bible Again*. If you would like more information about Youth Ministry, please connect with Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

**Blessing of the Animals Today.** Join us for a short, festive, outdoor service celebrating the gift of relationship between humans and animals this afternoon at 4:00p at Burns Park. Bring your pets for a special blessing! Alternatively, bring a picture of your pet to be blessed. We'll have Washtenaw Dairy donuts, Starbucks coffee, and pup cups, too! You're invited to bring donations of pet food for Pet Pals Mutual Aid.

**Today, in our Adult Formation series, "We Seek To..."** we continue our consideration of "We Seek to Respect." Today's session will be led by Xan Morgan. She will be sharing from her experience—both learnings and failures—as a white woman on an anti-racism journey.

Next Sunday's session (Oct 8) will be led by Sheri Wander. Sheri gives leadership to MISSION, a non-profit partnership between homeless and housed Washtenaw County residents, collaborating to build

community and mitigate the alienation, loss of agency, and other forms of suffering caused by homelessness. Sheri is a friend to our church and has partnered with us and shown us the way in parts of our own ministry. She will lead a discussion on "We Seek to Respect...", as it pertains to people experiencing homelessness and others with inadequate material resources.

**The Gathering is our campus ministry on Tuesday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.** It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Paul Duke (psduke718@gmail.com).

**Meals for The Gathering.** The Gathering, our campus ministry led by Pastor Paul, meets each Tuesday evening for dinner and conversation. Our hope is to support this ministry by providing dinner – home-cooked or otherwise! Please choose a date that works for you to provide a meal. We currently have 16 people attending! Of those gathered, one is vegetarian and one is vegan. The whole meal does not have to be vegetarian/vegan, but please keep them in mind as you are able. Dinners should be dropped off ready to serve by 5:15p. Contact Paul (734.663.9376) when you arrive. You can sign up at [fbca2.org/connect/](http://fbca2.org/connect/).

**Join us for Midweek Bible Study!** The group will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the memorial lounge. They continue to study the Gospel of Luke, led by Dr. Astrid Beck.

**Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series** presents its second concert of the season "Harpichord" on Friday, October 27 at noon. Edward Parmentier, Professor Emeritus of Music at the University of Michigan, will perform music by François Couperin, Byrd, Froberger and d'Anglebert. Parmentier has performed throughout the United States, Russia, Western Europe, Japan, and Korea on harpsichord and on historic organs. His collection of recordings has won both critical and popular acclaim. This is a free concert and open to the public. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors.

**Sam Kidd to perform at the Kerrytown Concert House in October!** Sam will be in town after having been in San Francisco for the summer singing with Merola Opera which is with San Francisco Opera. He will be performing a really wonderful concert at Kerrytown Concert House on Wednesday, October 11th, at 7:30pm. You can buy tickets online at [kerrytownconcerthouse.com](http://kerrytownconcerthouse.com) or call for tickets. The house only seats 100 so seats will go fast. It will be very special to hear Sam in that special venue.

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

October 1	Blessing of the Animals @4:00p in Burns Park
October 3	The Gathering @5:30p
October 4	Bible Study @1:00p
October 5	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
October 8-29	Abundant Life Stewardship Season
October 27	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p