



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Xan Morgan

PRELUDE *Adoration on a Traditional English Melody* Alice Jordan
"This Is My Father's World (Terra Patris)" (1916-2012, American)

*INVOCATION Maryann Bowen
(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *ST. DENIO*

*THE PSALM from Psalm 105:1-5 Maryann Bowen

One: O 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.**

One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: **Remember the wonderful works that God has done!**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-15 Paul Simpson Duke

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.

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all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

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

ANTHEM *Canticle of the Turning* - arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you ring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy shall last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

From the hall of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

SERMON

God's Open-Ended Name

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

With a Voice of Singing

- Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

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 *Let Us Break Bread* by Ruth Elaine Schram

The Cup *Saraband on Jesus Loves Me* by Shin-Ae Chun

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 557 (verse 1)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D Major

Robert J. Powell
(b.1932, American)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of our grandchild, Mae West Drake.*

~ Dee & Madeline Drake ~

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

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the denomination-wide **World Mission Offering**, joining the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ global partners. If donating by check, please write the check to "First Baptist Church" and put "WMO" in the memo line. WMO contributions can be placed in the offering plates or in the plates near the doors.

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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).

Our Youth Group activities begin on Sunday, September 10. All families with youth going into grades 6-12 are invited to a gathering at the Morgan home (2614 Page Court) on Sunday, September 10 at 5:00 PM. We'll have dinner, roast s'mores, and kick off the new school year. If you can attend, please RSVP to Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org) by Sunday, September 3. Teens are also invited to an overnight retreat at the Howell Nature Center on September 23-24. They will be participating in an immersive Global Gateway program to learn more about food preparation in nature and global food inequities. If your teen can attend, **please RSVP to Jillian Mast (jgloverdvm@gmail.com) by August 31 to save their spot.**

Please join us for Coming Home Sunday on September 10th. This will be a festive regathering of our community after summer travels and summer schedules. Children's Church School (following Time as Children) will kickoff, too! During Fellowship Time, we'll celebrate with cake and punch.

The Gathering is our campus ministry on Tuesday evenings 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. The first Gathering will be on Tuesday, September 5, in the campus center living room.

Our new adult formation class begins September 17. The new church programming year begins September 10. All adults are invited to a new series of discussions, based on some of the important commitments that define our church. As most of you have seen, a large sign just inside the East Washington entrance has the heading "We Seek To," and then lists ten of our commitments. The first of these is to Follow Jesus. The other nine name particular components of how we seek to do this as a church community.

The new Adult Formation series is called "We Seek To...," and will focus on various aspects of three of the nine, beginning with: "Respect All People." The sessions are bound to be illuminating and inspiring. Please join us!

If you are interested in joining the choir, please reach out to Bonnie Kidd (bjkmi62@gmail.com). Thursday evening rehearsals, 7:00pm, will start back up on September 7th.

The FBC Ladies' Book Club will next meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30pm 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.

Join us for Midweek Bible Study! Starting on September 13, 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 begins the season of its 11th year on Friday, September 29, at noon. The "Organ" concert will feature organ music from Poland, Czech, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. It will be a great opportunity to hear music by composers, whom we do not get to hear often, such as Mieczysław Surzyński, Einar Traerup Sark, Oskar Lindberg, Sverre Eftestol, Jiří Strejč and Bent Lorentzen. Our guest organist Józef Kotowicz teaches organ and improvisation at the Fryderyk Chopin Music University in Białystok, Poland and is often invited to play in festivals in the countries which will be featured in the concert and many others. This is a free concert and open to the public. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors.

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/>

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



Calendar

September 4	Church Office and Buildings Closed for Labor Day
September 5	The Gathering @5:30p
September 7	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
September 9 & 10	Shared Suppers
September 10	Coming Home Sunday!
	Children's Church School begins!
September 12	Ladies Book Club @6:30p
September 13	Wednesday Bible Study @1:00p
September 17	Children's Choir, Youth Church School, and Adult Formation begin!
September 23-24	Youth Overnight Retreat at Howell Nature Center
September 29	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p