



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF ANN ARBOR

*20th Sunday after Pentecost*      *October 15, 2023*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

One: Loving God, you care for the world, day in and day out.

**Many: Open our hearts, that we may care with you.**

One: Compassionate God, you heal the world, day in and day out.

**Many: Open our eyes, that we may heal and repair with you.**

One: Merciful God, you forgive the world, calling us back to you, day in and day out.

**Many: Open our minds, that we may forgive ourselves and each other with you.**

One: You made us in your image: caring, compassionate, forgiving.

**Many: Let us become who we are, walking with you, day in and day out.**

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

**Many: Let us worship God!**

## PRELUDE

*Allemande*

George Frideric Handel

from Suite in A Major, HWV 454 (1685-1759, German-British)

## \*INVOCATION

Andrew Redinger

(\*If you are able, please stand)

## \*HYMN 160 (stanzas 1-3, 5)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*MARION*

## \*THE PSALM

from Psalm 111

Andrew Redinger

One: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the congregation.

**Many: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

One: Full of honor and majesty is God's work. God's righteousness endures forever.

**All: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. God's praise endures forever!**

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

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

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Amanda Shutko

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:8; Matthew 14:14

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, the children will engage with the art and then head to Children's Ministry.)

## ART CELEBRATION OF ABUNDANT LIFE: COMPASSION

God's abundant life invites us to be people of compassion - the kind of mutual care evoked by Jesus' call to "Love your neighbor as yourself." As we commit to being a community of compassion, within and extending from this place, you are invited to name what you need and what you have to offer. There is a strip of paper in your bulletin and markers in your pews. Please come forward to glue your reflection of mutual care to communal art piece.

*Love Lifted Me* by Howard E. Smith

Shin-Ae Chun, *piano*

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

Paul Simpson Duke

### ANTHEM

*Come and Taste*

arr. by Alice Parker

Come and taste along with me  
Consolation flowing free,  
From the Father's wealthy throne,  
Sweeter than the honeycomb.  
*I'll praise God and you praise God,  
And we'll all praise God together;  
We'll praise the Lord for the work  
that He has done,  
And we'll bless His Name forever.*

Goodness, running like a stream  
Through the new Jerusalem,  
By a constant breaking forth  
Sweetens earth and heaven both. *Refrain*

O, return, ye sons of grace,  
Turn and see God's smiling face.  
Hark, He calls backsliders home,  
Then from Him no longer roam. *Refrain*

All that come with free good will  
Make the banquet sweeter still;  
Now I go to Mercy's door,  
Asking for a little more. *Refrain*

### SERMON

*The Way of Compassion*

Paul Simpson Duke

### SILENT REFLECTION

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Let the Song of Praise Be Heard*

*Mary McDonald*

Let us celebrate now with singing; lift our hands with joy to the Lord!  
Tell all the earth of his excellent greatness, praise the Lord in joyful song.  
Come into his house with thanksgiving. Enter into his courts with praise.  
Know that the Lord God is ever faithful; with our songs, joyful hymns we raise!  
Lift a song of joy with a thankful heart; let the sound of praise be heard!  
He is Lord of life; he is Lord of love; let the sound of praise be heard: Jesus is Lord!  
Make a joyful noise with singing to the Lord, all the earth!  
Know that the Lord God, it is he that hath made us. Praise the Lord with jubilant song!  
Let the trumpet sound its praise; let the seas rejoice!  
Let the earth resound for joy, ev'ry tongue its voice!  
Lift a song of joy with a thankful heart; let the sound of praise be heard!  
He is Lord of life; he is Lord of love; let the sound of praise be heard: Jesus is Lord!

\*HYMN (see insert, stanzas 1-4)

The Servant Song

*SERVANT SONG*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Courante* George Frideric Handel  
from Suite in A Major, HWV 454 (1685-1759, German-British)

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*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in gratitude for the compassion we can share*

*~ Elli Barron ~*

We pray for **Betsy Foote, Mary Gregg, Marlene Francis, Betty Doman, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Mervyn Juchartz, David Gregg, Peter & Lani VanEck, Grange Burnside, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Marjorie Minor, Simona Butler, John Rowe, Fay Key, Jackie, and Amy.**

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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!

**Abundant Life Stewardship Season.** As we begin our stewardship season, we invite you to join us in giving thanks for all the resources — spiritual, theological, physical, and financial — that support our work together. Your generosity is a meaningful expression of your faith in God and commitment to God's work. You can complete your 2024 pledge card online ([fbca2.org/connect](https://fbca2.org/connect)) or pick up a pledge card from the pew or at the ministry station in the hallway. Questions? Connect with a member of our Stewardship Team - Martin Magers, Robbie Stapleton, and Xan Morgan.

**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). Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. 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) back in the classrooms. If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org))

**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](mailto:valerie@fbca2.org)).

**Today, in our Adult Formation series, "We Seek To..."** Today we continue our Adult Formation series called "We Seek To," which draws from the list of commitments included on the sign at our E. Washington Street entrance. Last week we concluded our first three-week unit, "We Seek to Respect All People." Today we begin a discussion on the theme: "We Seek to Honor Questions." Paul Simpson Duke will lead a conversation introducing the subject of what it means for a church to be a safe space for hard questions. For children, teens, students, and adults, how can we better welcome, encourage, and engage with ultimate questions about God, about the world, about meaning. Join us for what is bound to be an intriguing and helpful discussion.

**November 5 is All Saints Sunday,** a day when our thoughts turn to people dear to us who have died. This year we will display photos of many of these in the sanctuary. We invite you to bring

photos of one or more persons—family members, friends, or others—who have been important to you and who are now deceased. We are accepting pictures of many kinds: framed or unframed, professional or amateur, small or large (though no larger than 9 x 12). Please bring them to church by October 29. We look forward to a service of grateful remembrance, hope, and love; and we hope that the faces of many of the saints we have known will be visible to us all. We invite all to participate.

**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](mailto: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/). If cooking isn't for you, please consider a financial contribution. One of our cooks has volunteered to use your contributions to cook additional meals.

**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.

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 8-29	Abundant Life Stewardship Season
October 17	The Gathering @5:30p
October 18	Bible Study @1:00p
	Board of Christian Education @6:45p (Zoom)
October 19	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
October 27	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p