



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF ANN ARBOR

*19th Sunday after Pentecost*      *October 8, 2023*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING

Xan Morgan

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Walden

One: God of grace, in the beginning, you gathered us into community,

**Many: For as you said, "It is not good that the human being should be alone!"**

One: God of freedom, in the exodus, you gathered us into community,

**Many: For you heard the cry of our groaning, our desire for liberation, for new life!**

One: God of love, at Pentecost, you gathered us into community,

**Many: For you gave birth to the church!**

One: And this morning, we give thanks that you gather us into community,

**Many: A community of abundant life: of grace, of freedom, and of love.**

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

**All: Let us worship God!**

## PRELUDE

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Gilbert M. Martin  
(b.1941, American)

## \*INVOCATION

Dan Walden

(\*If you are able, please stand)

## \*HYMN 660

God Is Here

*ABBOT'S LEIGH*

## \*THE PSALM

Psalm 19:1-4

Dan Walden

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**Many: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

One: One day tells its tale to another,

**Many: and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

One: Although they have no words or language,

**Many: and their voices are not heard,**

One: Their sound has gone out into all the lands,

**All: And their message to the ends of the world.**

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

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

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Magers Family

## \*GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

Xan Morgan

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 (through 5th grade) 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: COMMUNITY

Your presence in this community enriches our collective experience of God and God's love. As we celebrate our community today, you are invited to come forward to add a brushstroke to our communal art piece.

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

Samuel Spotts

One: Love is nurtured between us,  
Many: **and the Spirit dwells among us.**

(Prayer written by Lydia Wylie-Kellerman in *Rally: Communal Prayers for Lovers of Jesus and Justice*, edited by Britney Winn Lee.)

## ANTHEM

*Zion's Walls*

adapted by Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers,  
Come sisters and brothers,  
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.  
O fathers, don't you feel determined  
To meet within the walls of Zion?.

We'll shout and go round  
The walls of Zion.

## SERMON

*Abundant Life*

Xan Morgan

## SILENT REFLECTION

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments*

*Thomas Tallis*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. E'en the Spirit of Truth.

## \*HYMN 440

Let There Be Light

*CONCORD*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

## BENEDICTION

Xan Morgan

## POSTLUDE

*Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig, BWV 768 (Variation 8)*  
(Hail, Kind Jesus)

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750, German)

*Worship components used with permission from Salt.*

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in grateful celebration of my brother Bill's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday this week.*

*~ Mary Margaret Hatt ~*

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

Bonnie Kidd is away today. We welcome back her long-time friend and colleague, Dr. Richard Ingram as guest choir conductor.

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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.

**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..."**, we continue our consideration of "We Seek to Respect." Today's session 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](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/).

**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 10	The Gathering @5:30p
October 11	Bible Study @1:00p
October 12	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
October 27	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p