

JOYS

CONCERNS

HOPES

FEARS

DREAMS

**ALL OF YOU IS
WELCOME WITH GOD**

YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday

GREETING

Piper Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke Shutko and Asher Morgan

PRELUDE

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

arr. by Lowell Mason
Alexandra DaSilva, piano

*INVOCATION

Lincoln Reed

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 92 (vv. 1-2, 4, 6) For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 1

Celia Mlynarek

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Many: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

Many: In all that they do, they prosper.

One: The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Many: Therefore the wicked will not stand in judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

All: for the way of the wicked will perish, but the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Piper Morgan, *dancer*

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:20-23

Jack Shutko

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

YOUTH ANTHEM

Sanctuary

J. W. Thompson & R. Scruggs
Emmanuel Morgan, guitar

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-11

Salem McKinley

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Piper Morgan, Celia Mlynarek,
and Alice VanderVliet.

[Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School]

POEM

A Blessing for Learning to Love Yourself

by Kate Bowler
Alice VanderVliet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer by Jack Noble White

Emmanuel Morgan

SERMON

Absence and Power

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Danny Reed

OFFERING OF GIFTS

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles
Samuel Spotts, *soloist*

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal 95) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liam McKinley

*HYMN 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

GRADUATE RECOGNITION: DANNY REED

Valerie Francia

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alice and Ingrid VanderVliet

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Canon in D Major

Johann Pachelbel
Asher Morgan, *piano*

We pray for Mervyn Juchartz, Joyce Robbins, David Gregg, Esther Floyd, Marlene Francis, Eva Kelly, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, John Milbourne, Katherine Cartee, Keith Maurer, the McLeod family, Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, Simona Butler, John Rowe, and Fay Key.

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Jill Suzanne Damon
from friend Barbara Sloat and sons, John and Eric.*

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A Singing Church: Hymns of Our Faith meets today following the **Youth Bake Sale (11:50a)** - This series is a celebration of hymns! Led by Sorbie Richner, with occasional help from Paul Duke, we will explore questions like: What do hymns do for us, and why are they so important? What is the character of a hymnal? What are our favorite hymns and why? What are the qualities of good hymn tunes and hymn texts, and how do they work? What can we learn from the history of hymns and the different eras and cultures they've come from. And much more. One of the sessions will be a hymn-sing, and singing will be featured as part of many of the sessions. This series promises to be enlightening and inspiring. Come join us!

2024 Scholarships Available. Scholarships are available from the Chester and Violet Loucks and Fullerton funds for post-secondary education and for church camp attendance. For an application, please contact Mary Davis (madrad@umich.edu). The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series will present the season's final concert "Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1 (Fugues Nos.1-15)" this coming Friday, May 17, at noon. J.S. Bach composed 48 pairs of prelude and fugues in 12 major and 12 minor keys which were assembled in two books. Alice Van Wambeke, Gail Jennings and Shin-Ae Chun will perform these beautifully composed fugues on harpsichord, organ and piano. It will be a unique experience to hear these fugues on three different keyboard instruments. This concert is free and is open to the public. Refreshments will follow. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors!



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

Calendar

May 12	Youth Bake Sale for AMOS
May 15	Bible Study @1:00p
May 17	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
May 18	Retirement Party @4:00p
May 27	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

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.

Bake Sale for AMOS! Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service (11:15 – 11:50a) for a bake sale put on by the Youth Group mission team to raise money for their trip to Nicaragua this summer with AMOS Health and Hope! Samples and drinks will be available at no cost, and many baked goods will be available for purchase.

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 (infants through 3 years). Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Today, children will join us downstairs for the Bake Sale goodies and games and then have Children's Choir rehearsal (PreK-5th grade) from 11:50-12:20p. If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth (grades 6-12) will be working at the Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall after the service. If you would like more information about Youth Ministry, please connect with Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

Paul's Retirement Party! Join us on Saturday, May 18 (4–6p), for a church-wide, intergenerational gathering to celebrate Paul's next season of life and thank him for his 23 years of faithful service to our church community! The party will be hosted at the home of Susan Schilperoort and Christopher Kendall (3435 Cottontail Lane) and will include a catered meal. Gluten free and vegetarian options will be provided. Please RSVP online (fbca2org/retirement) or at the ministry station by today, Sunday, May 12.