

ORDER OF WORSHIP		
GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP		
Xan Morgan		
PRELUDE	Sursum Corda (Lift up Your Hearts)	John Ireland (1879-1962, English)
*INVOCATION	Arthur Francis	
(*If you are able, please stand)		
*HYMN 158	Come, Christians, Join to Sing	SPANISH HYMN
*THE PSALM	Psalm 98:1, 4-5, 7-9	Arthur Francis
One: O sing to the Lord a new song; our God has done marvelous things!		
Many: Shout to the Lord, all the earth; ring out your joy!		
One: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp and the sound of melody.		
Many: Let the sea, and all within it, thunder; the world and all its people.		
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy,		
All: for the Lord comes to rule the earth. God will rule the world with justice, and the people with equity.		
*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)		
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!		
EPISTLE READING	1 John 5:1-4	Arthur Francis
One: The Word of the Lord.		
All: Thanks be to God!		
CONGREGATIONAL SONG	His Name Is Wonderful	HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL
(Hymnal 174)		
TIME AS CHILDREN		
Xan Morgan		
(Children 5th grade and younger come forward. Following Time as Children, kids will head to Children’s Ministry. Our 2nd-5th graders will be learning about and participating in the ministry of hosting Fellowship Time. They look forward to seeing you downstairs after worship.)		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
Paul Simpson Duke		
*GOSPEL READING	John 15:13-17	Paul Simpson Duke
One: The Word of the Lord.		
All: Thanks be to God!		

ANTHEM	<i>Sing to the Lord a New Song</i>	- Robert Lau
People and tongues of ev’ry nation sing to the Lord a new song. Bring him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song. All God’s creatures, old men and children, voices raised in hymns of love. He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song. Mountains and hills and all creation sing to the Lord a new song. Join in a hymn of adoration. Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise him! Praise His name, sing “Alleleuia!” Praise Him for his mighty deeds. This is our song, our supplication: “Sing to the Lord a new song.” Praise him, shining stars, and praise him highest heavens. Oh, all kings and princes praise his holy name. Angels above make melody to him. Now lift your voice, lift up your heart, and sing, and sing! Come, Christians all, now raise your voices, sing to the Lord a new song. Praise and thanksgiving be your choices, sing to the Lord a new song. Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp; dance your dance, and shout for joy. Make music now as heav’n rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song. Sing! Sing! Sing a new song.		
SERMON	<i>The High Honor of Friendship</i>	Paul Simpson Duke
SILENT REFLECTION		
OFFERING OF GIFTS	<i>Thee We Adore</i>	- T. Frederick H. Candlyn
Thee we adore, O blessed Saviour, Thee, Who in our minds and hearts art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail. Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, Who living bread to men doth here afford! O may our souls forever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, Cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be, To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.		
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 Together* by Phillip Keveren

The Cup *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* by Shin-Ae Chun

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 557 (verse 1)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan
(What God Does, That Is Done Well)

Johann Peter Kellner
(1705-1772, German)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Sara Jane Humphries,
Dana Larson's sister who passed of ovarian cancer in 2020.*

~ Dana & Paul Larson ~

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

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the **Fellowship Fund** which provides for meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Offering plates are located by the door and at the back of the sanctuary. Please give generously.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series will present the season's final concert "Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1 (Fugues Nos.1-15)" on 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 8 Bible Study @1:00p
- May 9 Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
- May 12 Youth Ministry Sunday
Youth Bake Sale for AMOS
- May 17 Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
- May 18 Retirement Party @4:00p

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Coley Roberts, *Children's Choir Director*
Kate Santini, *Nursery Caregiver*
Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*
Kat Becker, *Church Administrator*

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 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). If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head to the sanctuary to rehearse for Youth Ministry Sunday from 11:30a-12:30p. If you would like more information about Youth Ministry, please connect with Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

Like to eat brownies and want to support the mission of AMOS Health and Hope? You can do both! Participate in a fundraiser Bake Sale on Sunday, May 12th in two ways: 1) bake or purchase a treat and deliver it to the Fellowship Hall before church, 2) attend the sale after the service and buy baked goods, eat candy, and find out more about AMOS and upcoming youth summer trip. If you are able to provide a baked good for the sale, please sign up at fbca2.org/connect.

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 (fbca2.org/retirement) or at the ministry station by Sunday, May 12.

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.