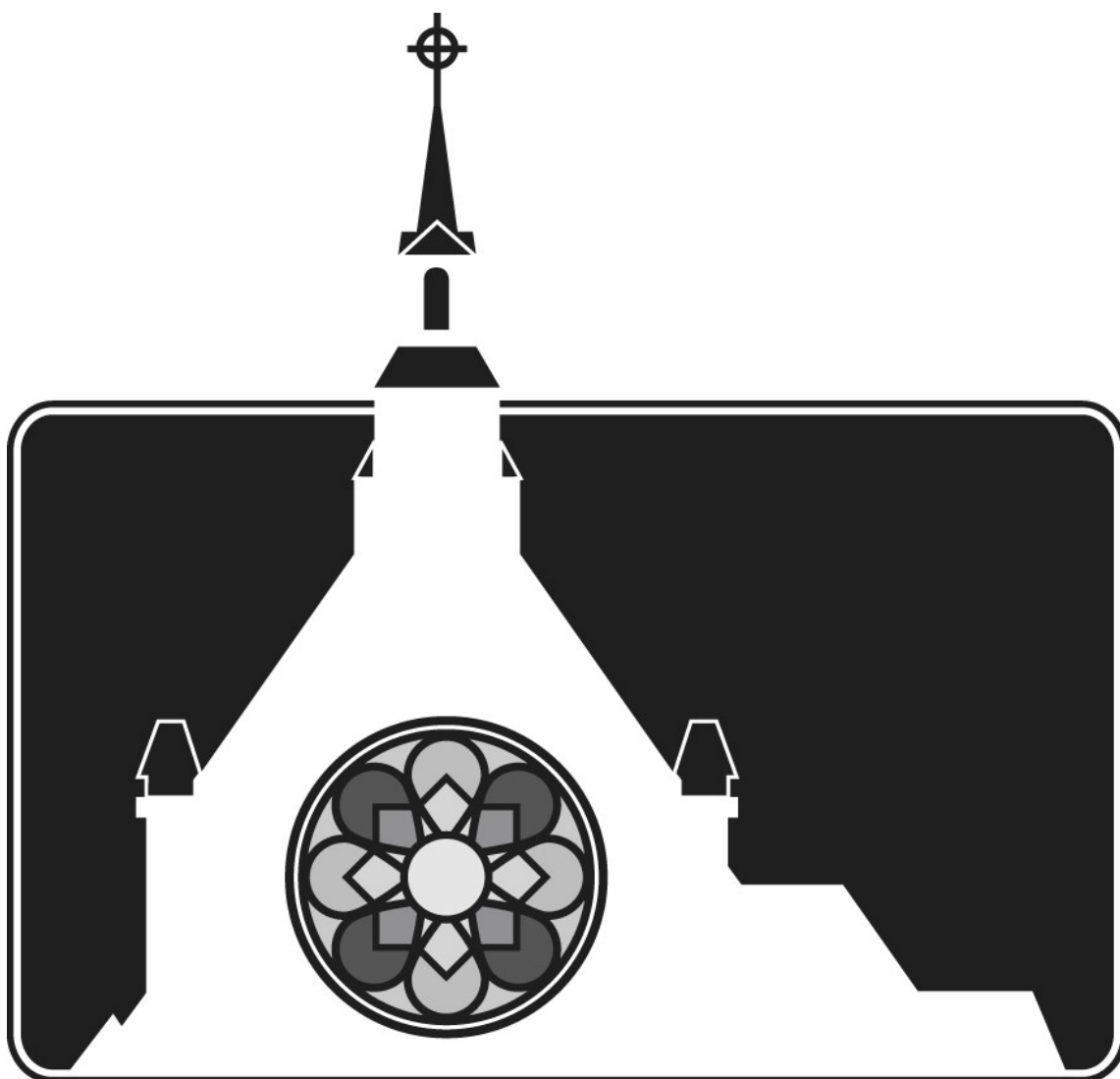




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Valerie Francia

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9:1-8

Valerie Francia
by Nan C. Merrill
from *Psalms for Praying*

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
(Tune: Slane)

Healey Willan
(1880-1968, English Canadian)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Gretchen Sanewsky

*HYMN 619

Now the Silence

Now

*THE PSALM

Gretchen Sanewsky
by Bruce Prewer

One: For the abused, you God are like a safe house,
giving refuge when things go wrong.

Many: **Those who know you put their trust in you,
seekers will never be left forlorn.**

One: Give thanks to the God who lives among us,
tell the people what God has done;

Many: **how those with blood on their hands will suffer,
God will never forget the cries of the oppressed.**

One: Please God, let me have your grace,
for you see what I have to put up with.
You lift me up from the jaws of death,
to you I am able to sing praises.

Many: **In the company of the daughters of faith
I will celebrate your liberation.**

One: Nations get bogged in the mud they have made,
caught in the very traps which they set.
God is revealed and delivers justice,
the wicked stew in their own juice.

Many: **Evil ones create their own dark hell,
all perish who forget that you are God.**

One: Act now, God! Don't allow the arrogant to win,
let ruthless nations be brought to account!

Let the proud experience some fear, God!
Let them know that they are only human!
**Many: But the victims of neglect shall not be forgotten,
the poor are not going to miss out for ever.**

(Author notes re this Psalm: As I worked through the following Psalm, I found I was identifying with women and children who have suffered so grievously because of war and terrorism, and often through workplace and domestic abuse.)

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

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

TIME AS CHILDREN

Will Spotts

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 2nd grade) will head to Summer Children's Ministry in the upstairs play space.)

All Things Bright and Beautiful (Hymn 147, v.4)

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.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

A CONTEMPORARY READING

In the Stillness

Gretchen Sanewsky
by John van de Laar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rick Mixon

(Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896)

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

by Civilla D. Martin
& Charles H. Gabriel
Coley Roberts, Soprano

Why should I feel discouraged. Why should the shadows come.
Why should my heart feel lonely and long for heaven and home.
When Jesus is my portion a constant friend is He.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches over me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

EPISTLE READING READING Corinthians 6:1-13 (The Message) Rick Mixon
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Wide-Open, Spacious Life* Rick Mixon

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Rick Mixon

OFFERING OF GIFTS *In the Garden* Dan Miller
(b.1954, American)

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal 95) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rick Mixon

*HYMN (see insert) We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky *ENDLESS SONG*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Rick Mixon
Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.
Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION Rick Mixon

POSTLUDE *I Love Thee, My Lord* George Shearing
(1919-2011, English)

We pray for Bob Reynolds, Rob Snyder, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Janet Sanewsky, Bill Nummy, Helga Mortensen, John Milbourne, David Gregg, Greg DuBois, Cindy Okarski, Keith Maurer, the McLeod family, Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, John Rowe, and Fay Key.

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
In celebration of and our commitment to Jesus' invitation, "Follow Me!"*

~ FBCA2 Board Members and Staff Team ~

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.

Transformed during Pastoral Transition. We are in a season of transition as our pastor retired on June 16th. Throughout the summer months, we will welcome guest preachers each Sunday. Today's guest preacher is Rick Mixon. If you are visiting today and would like more information about First Baptist Church, please reach out to Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org), our Director of Community Life. We have a pastoral care team in place for those seeking support; please connect with Kat Becker (office@fbca2org) as needed.

Our guest preacher today: Rev. Dr. Randle (Rick) Mixon (he/him) will be joining us on October 1 as our Intentional Interim Pastor. Rick is an ordained American Baptist minister with over 50 years of experience in pastoral ministry, church leadership, and social justice advocacy. He is a long-time member of Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, in Oakland, CA, the church that ordained him in 1996 as the first openly LGBTQIA+ Baptist to be ordained. Rick has served as interim minister of three congregations, currently serves as Affiliate Professor of Pastoral Care at Berkeley School of Theology and is an emeritus board member of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We'd love to connect 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) upstairs. Children through 5th grade, leave for Summer Children's Ministry following Time as Children in the Play Space upstairs and should be picked up after worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth (grades 6-12) during second hour is done for the 2023-2024 school year, but we have some activities planned for the Summer. If you would like more information about what's coming up for Youth Ministry or would like to be added to our email list, please contact Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

Pizza in the Park. Join us Sunday, July 14th for a midsummer, intergenerational gathering of lunch and connection at County Farm Park immediately after worship (11:20ish). We'll have pizza, fruit, and drinks. No need to bring anything, just come! Please RSVP at fbca2.org/pizzainthepark so that we can prepare accordingly. Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) or Valerie Francia (Valerie@fbca2.org).

Habitat for Humanity. This year FBC is joining with some 20 other churches to make a family's home ownership dream come true. As in the past twenty-three years, our support involves providing funds to buy the construction materials, volunteering and sometimes supplying lunches at the work site. **Our Friday workday is July 26th.** The FBC volunteers will work with another congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunches on workdays. If you wish to volunteer on other days, go to the Good News house website: H4H.org/goodnewsgroup for home page and H4H.org/goodnewsvolunteer for signing waivers. Please consider making a financial contribution so that we can meet our congregation's financial commitment. Make your check payable to First Baptist Church and note on the memo line that it is the Good News Habitat Houses. For more information and to volunteer with our group, contact: Scott Diels (hscottdiels@gmail.com).

Summer Office Schedule. During July and August, the church office and buildings will be closed on Fridays.

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



Calendar

June 30-July 3	Church Camp for Children and Youth CITs
July 4	Church Office closed for Independence Day
July 14	Pizza in the Park after worship
July 18-20	Recharge Station during A2 Art Fairs
July 26	FBC Workday with Habitat for Humanity

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