



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Valerie Francia

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life -

Many: **the life we have been given by God,**

One: the life we share with one another in community,

Many: **the life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

One: Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

All: **and let us worship God.**

PRELUDE

Fugue in F Major, BWV 856

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750, German)

*INVOCATION

Sue Johnson

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

Sue Johnson

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;

Many: **in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

One: Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

Many: **Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.**

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me.

Many: **Cast me not away from your presence and take not your
holy Spirit from me.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-7

Sue Johnson

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME AS CHILDREN

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward.)

Valerie Francia

Hymn 393 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Following Time as Children, kids (through 1st grade) will head to Children's Ministry. On the first Sunday of the month, 2nd-5th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday - S3!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beth Foster

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art

arr. by Stuart K. Hine
setting by Lloyd Larson
Jeremy Bon, soloist

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

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How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *(refrain)*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *(refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *(refrain)*

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.



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 Beth Foster. 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@fbca2.org).

Our guest preacher today: Beth Foster is a retired American Baptist minister. Her ministry included hospital, long-term care, and hospice chaplaincy. She is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She and Bill have been members of FBCA2 for 22 years. They have two adult children, Nick and Hannah, and three grandchildren, Liam, Owen, and Audrey. She enjoys exercising, reading, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Please join us for Fellowship Time under the Washington St. portico 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). Children, up through 1st grade, head to Children's Ministry time in the Play Space on the top floor after Time as Children. On the first Sunday of each month it's "S3 - Stay for the Service Sunday" when the 2nd-5th grade class will stay in worship for the whole service. This gives the kids an opportunity to experience and participate in the second half of worship. This is a valuable step in their faith formation as worshipers! They are invited to sit with Jillian Mast and their classmates during worship.

You can pick up your children after worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth Ministry (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).

We are hiring! FBC is searching for a compassionate and reliable individual to fill the position of Childcare Supervisor. The Childcare Supervisor provides a safe, nurturing environment for infants and children during church activities and helps coordinate nursery volunteers. Please help spread the word to any great candidates! The job posting can be found on our website (www.fbca2.org) and social media. Please contact Jillian Mast (jgloverdvm@gmail.com) with any questions.

School Supplies for Community Action Network. Last year, thanks to the amazing generosity of so many of you, we were able to provide backpacks stuffed with supplies to hundreds of students in time for their first day. This is such an important drive because for some families, this time of year causes a financial strain having to purchase all their kids need to be prepared for school. Together, we can ease the financial burden of purchasing backpacks and school

supplies, ensuring CAN families are able to prioritize their basic needs without sacrificing educational materials!

There are two ways you can get involved based on what's most convenient for you:

- Visit the Amazon registry using this link and select the items you wish to contribute. When you proceed to checkout, be sure to select "Community Action Network's Gift Registry Address". The items will get shipped right to CAN where they will be sorted and delivered to each site in time for our Back-to-School events in mid-August. (Backpacks and supplies needed by August 15, 2024)
- You may also make a financial donation and let us do the shopping. Sue Ellen will accept donations until August 11 and then apply those donations to the Amazon registry. Please submit your donations by mail (FBC, 517 E Washington, 48104) or in the offering, with checks made out to Sue Ellen Glover.

Calendar

August 5	AMOS Mission Team returns
August 6	FBC Ladies' Book Club @7:00p
August 14	Board of Care & Community @5:30p
August 26	Board of Outreach @7:15p
August 27	Board of Trustees @5:30p
September 2	Labor Day – Church office closed
September 5	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of my husband, the Rev. Charles R. Hatt.*

~ Mary Margaret Hatt ~

We pray for Mary Margaret Hatt, Bob Reynolds, Rob Snyder, Roberta Hause, 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.

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