

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Heather Entrekin

PRELUDE

Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott Johann Nicolaus Hanff
(A Mighty Fortress Is Our God) (1665-ca.1711, German)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Gretchen Sanewsky

*HYMN 598

O Word of God Incarnate *MUNICH*

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 1 Gretchen Sanewsky

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

Many: but their delight is in the law of the Lord.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their
fruit in its season,

Many: and their leaves do not wither.

One: In all that they do, they prosper,

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

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Gretchen Sanewsky

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

This Is the Day *THIS IS THE DAY*

(Hymnal 657)

TIME AS CHILDREN

[Children are invited to come forward. Kids (through 5th grade) will leave for
Church School]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DJ Reed

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

ANTHEM

O How Amiable R. Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and
longing to enter in to the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the
living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house and the swallow a nest where
she may lay her young: even thy altars O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed
are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious
Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handy-work. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to
come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and Our eternal home.

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30-37 Heather Entrekin

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Imagination Heather Entrekin

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OF GIFTS

I Will Sing New Songs - Antonín Dvořák

I will sing new songs of gladness; I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed
psalter. Every day will I extol thee and will bless thy holy name. Great is God and
great his mercy; who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall his power declare? My
song shall be of praise and honor, and of thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful,
past our knowing. Yea, I shall tell of thy great kindness and of thy wondrous might;
and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.

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

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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*HYMN 430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee *MARYTON*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

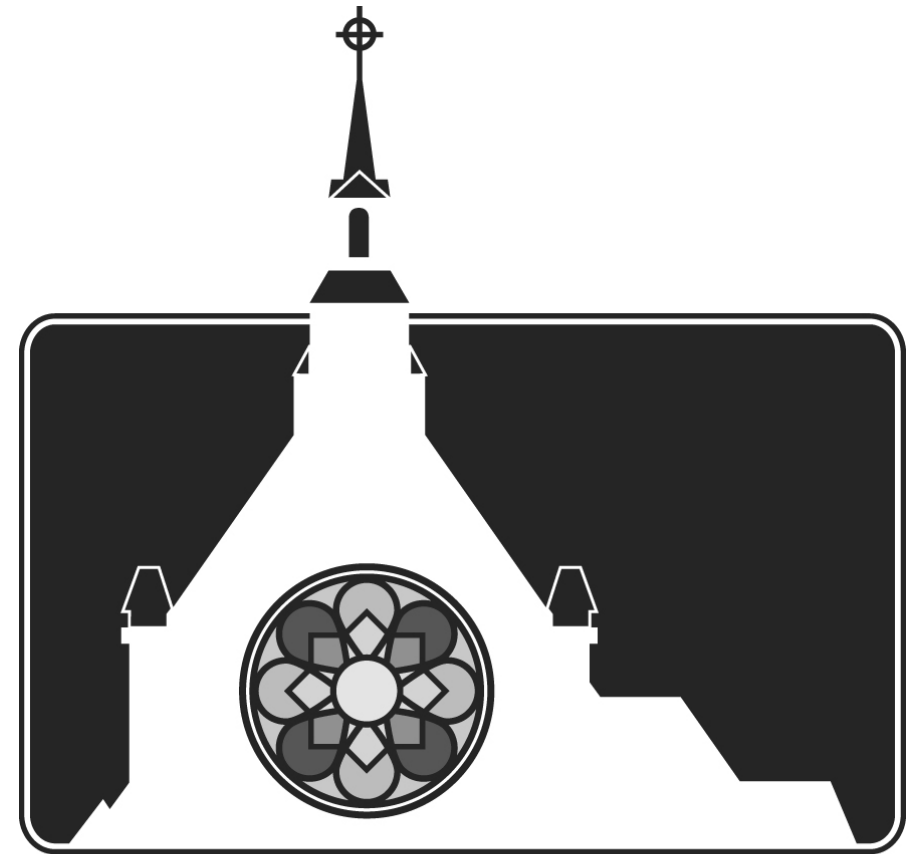
*Sketch in A-flat Major, Op.58, No.3
(Excerpt)*

Robert Schumann
(1810-1856, German)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of autumn.*

~ Elli Barron ~

We pray for Bob Reynolds, Rob Snyder, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Janet Sanewsky, Bill Nummy, Helga Mortensen, John Milbourne, Greg DuBois, Cindy Okarski, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, John Rowe, and Fay Key.



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024

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Calendar

September 25	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @5:30p
September 26	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
September 27	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
October 6	CROP Walk
October 13	Blessing of the Animals @4:00p

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Dr. Shin-Ae Chun, *Organist*

Christina Alaniz, *Nursery Caregiver*

Michelle Ding & Charlie Duke, *Children's Choir*

Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*

Kat Becker, *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.

Please join us after worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee. We'd love to connect!

Transformed during Pastoral Transition. We are in a season of transition and are delighted to welcome Rev. Dr. Heather Entrekin as our guest pastor for the month of September. Please introduce yourself to Heather! Our Intentional Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Randle (Rick) Mixon begins on September 29th.

Our guest pastor this month: Heather Entrekin is a retired American Baptist pastor and former Professor of Congregational Health at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. She and her husband, Pete Stover, were active members of First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor, from 2016 - 2021 before moving to Pittsford, NY to be closer to family. Our church welcomes her back to the pulpit and ministry among us for the month of September as we prepare for the beginning of the intentional interim ministry of the Rev. Dr. Rick Mixon in October.

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

Youth (grades 6-12) Youth Group's first Sunday is today during the Formation hour (11:30–12:30) in the Youth Room directly below the sanctuary. We have fun together, eat snacks, talk about our lives and explore some exciting Old Testament stories and their real-life justice implications. We also plan to have a couple interfaith experiences this semester, exploring the other Abrahamic faiths of Judaism and Islam. 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).

Adult Formation. Join us in the lounge at 11:30 today as we continue a series on the Art of Pilgrimage led by Heather Entrekin. Everybody welcome!

Imagine. On Sunday, September 29th, we invite you to join us after worship for Imagine, a gathering to celebrate our shared ministry with Rev. Dr. Rick Mixon, our new interim pastor. We'll laugh, play, eat, and imagine. We look forward to this time together!

Wednesday Bible Study. Join us for Bible study this Wednesday, 1:00 - 2:00. We'll be exploring Ezekiel 37:1-14. Good coffee, snacks, and fellowship as we receive the gift of God's living word.

The Gathering is our campus ministry on Wednesday evenings 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 Heather Entrekin. If you can help with a meal for the group, contact Janice Stumpf.

Blessing of the Animals. Join us for a short, festive, outdoor service celebrating the gift of relationship between humans and animals on Sunday, October 13th at 4:00p. Bring your pets for a special blessing here at First Baptist! Alternatively, bring a picture of your pet to be blessed. We'll have Washtenaw Dairy donuts, Starbucks coffee, and pup cups, too! You're invited to bring donations of pet food for Pet Pals Mutual Aid.

Library Book Giveaway. We have a lot of underused books in the library downstairs and it's time to give them a new home! Several members of the congregation and staff have reviewed and identified key resources to keep—those

that chronicle our Baptist history and those that might be useful for second hour classes/Bible studies. What's left is an entire wall of books for you and your family to take home and enjoy—FREE! Please visit the library area after worship today (September 22). You'll find the shelves to pull from, clearly labeled as such, on the north side of the room. Please contact Janice Stumpf if you have any questions.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series kicks off this coming Friday, September 27 at Noon with an exciting concert "All Aboard, Music Lovers! - Traveling the World through Organ Music." With our own Robbie Stapleton as a flight attendant and tour guide, your captain Shin-Ae Chun will operate our Robert Noehren Organ (1966). Our tour will present organ pieces from Belgium, S. Korea, Norway, Australia, Italy, France, Netherlands, England, Ireland, Spain, Argentina and the U.S.A, written by Dethier, Debussy, Vierne, Bovet, Beach and more. In the cabin will be on-screen photographs of the countries and narration. Your first-class seat in our beautiful cabin is reserved for a luxury, all-expenses-paid. Feel free to bring your friends and neighbors to this fun concert. Let's get refreshed and re-energized through beautiful music!

CROP Walk. This year's CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 6. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization that supports global responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. Visit fbca2.org/crop-walk to join First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor CROP Walk Team. Contact DJ Reed for any questions about the walk.

American Baptist Immigration and Refugee Ministries: Since World War II, American Baptists have helped to resettle more than 100,000 refugees. That's a large number for a small denomination (5000 congregations, 1.3 million members). We continue to be in the forefront of ecumenical advocacy for safe evacuation and humanitarian hospitality and care for persons in places of crisis around the world (abhms.org/ministries/healing-communities/immigration-refugees/), seeking to recognize Christ in the face of the migrant and refugee.