



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Xan Morgan

PRELUDE *Prelude for Thanksgiving on Kremser* William C. Steere
(1880-1960, American)

*INVOCATION Alice VanderVliet

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *MIT FREUDEN ZART*

*THE PSALM from Psalm 71 Alice VanderVliet

One: In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

Many: let me never be put to shame.

One: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

Many: incline your ear to me and save me.

One: I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.

Many: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation
all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.

One: I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God,

All: I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Alice VanderVliet

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rick Mixon
(Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896)

ANTHEM*Our Hope Arises*

Mary McDonald

When sorrow weighs upon us and leads us to despair,
we know the Lord is listening; the Father hears our prayer.
As we trust Him in the darkness, our eyes can clearly see
unfailing love, a door of hope; the path to victory!
Our hope arises, for God is with us. His perfect love removes our fear.
In times of trouble, He'll never leave us. We can rejoice! The Lord is near!
With God, all things are possible. We thank Him for each breath.
There is no condemnation. He broke the chains of death.
Lift up your eyes towards heaven and walk by faith, not sight.
The Lord will be our comfort. The Lord will be our Light!
From the ashes, flooding rains, from our sickness, through our pain,
our faith is sure. We will endure. Our hope, arise!
Our hope arises, for God is with us. His perfect love removes our fear.
In times of trouble, He'll never leave us. We can rejoice! The Lord is near!

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 4:16-24

Heather Entrekin

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON*Listening*

Heather Entrekin

SILENT REFLECTION**CALL FOR THE OFFERING****OFFERING OF GIFTS***Come, Thou Fount*

- Eric Nelson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal 95) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD 100TH
PRAYER OF DEDICATION Heather Entrekin

*HYMN 670 Go Forth for God *GENEVA 124*

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

BENEDICTION Heather Entrekin

POSTLUDE *How Great Thou Art (Excerpt)* Dan Miller
(b.1954, American)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Maria Alaniz.*

~ The Alaniz family ~

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.

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.

Come to Fellowship Hall following worship to welcome and become acquainted with our new Transitional Interim Pastor, Rick Mixon, as we begin a conversation about the possibilities of transition, learn about the process, and eat cake! Youth will inspire us with a short improv, Heather and Rick will invite you into a discussion of opportunities and challenges ahead, there and there may be silliness. Everyone, and we really mean everyone, is welcome.

Transformed during Pastoral Transition. We are in a season of transition and have been delighted to welcome Rev. Dr. Heather Entekin as guest pastor for the month of September. Our Transitional Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Randle (Rick) Mixon, has arrived and joins us for worship today and for the Imagine Gathering in Fellowship Hall following the service. Please introduce yourself to Rick!

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).

Seven Sins in Six Weeks! Adult Formation beginning October 6 and running through November 10 will focus on *The Seven Sins of White Christian Nationalism* by Carter Heyward. Interim Pastor Rick Mixon will lead the conversation. Books will be available for purchase.

Wednesday Bible Study. Join us for Bible study this Wednesday, 1:00 - 2:00. Enjoy Rev. Dr. Rick Mixon leading along with good snacks, coffee, 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 Entekin. 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.

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.

The second concert on our **AD LIBITUM Concert Series** will celebrate J.S.Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1 on Friday, October 18 at noon. This is the third and final part of performing all 24 pairs of Prelude and Fugue in 12 major and 12 minor keys. The program will feature Fugues nos.16-24 and more. Alice Van Wambeke, Gail Jennings and Shin-Ae Chun will join forces together and perform the fugues on organ, harpsichord and piano. It will be a unique experience to hear these fugues on three different keyboard instruments. It is a free concert and open to the public. 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

October 2	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @5:30p
October 3	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
October 6	CROP Walk
October 13	Blessing of the Animals @4:00p
October 18	Ad Libitum Concert @12noon

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Christina Alaniz, *Nursery Caregiver*

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