

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Xan Morgan

PRELUDE "St. Anne" Fugue, BWV 552 (Excerpt) Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750, German)

\*INVOCATION Julie Smith  
(\*If you are able, please stand)

\*HYMN 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service *BEACH SPRING*

\*THE PSALM from Psalm 146 Julie Smith

One: Praise the Lord, I tell myself. I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

Many: **Don't put your confidence in powerful people.**

**There is no help for you there.**

One: But happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Many: **God is the one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and  
everything in them.**

One: God is the one who keeps every promise forever.

All: **The Lord will reign forever. O Jerusalem, your God is King  
in every generation!**

\*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 35:4-7a Julie Smith

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.)

## BLESSING OF LEARNERS AND EDUCATORS

Congregational Response:

We pray for you, as you take up this holy task of education. May Jesus the Great Teacher guide you, may the Holy Spirit nurture you, and may the grace of God uphold you this school year, and all the years to come.

[Kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School]

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

ANTHEM *With a voice of singing* - Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,  
make his praise to be glorious.

\*GOSPEL READING Mark 4:35-41 Heather Entrekin

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Trust* Heather Entrekin

## SILENT REFLECTION

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Trust in the Lord* - Franklin D. Ashdown

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine understanding.

Trust in the Lord, in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Trust in the Lord, be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil.

It shall be health in thy navel and marrow in thy bones.

And happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding.

Trust in the Lord, thy God, and in all ways acknowledge him.

Trust in the Lord, and he shall direct thy paths. Trust the Lord.

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

*OLD 100TH*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Heather Entrekin

\*HYMN 664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing THE ASH GROVE

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE Heather Entrekin

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

RECOGNITION OF DR. ASTRID BECK Robbie Stapleton

BENEDICTION Heather Entrekin

POSTLUDE "St. Anne" Fugue, BWV 552 (Excerpt) Johann Sebastian Bach  
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*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in appreciation of our church family.*

*~ The Alaniz family ~*

We pray for Caspian Powdhar, 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, the Sanford family, John Rowe, and Fay Key.

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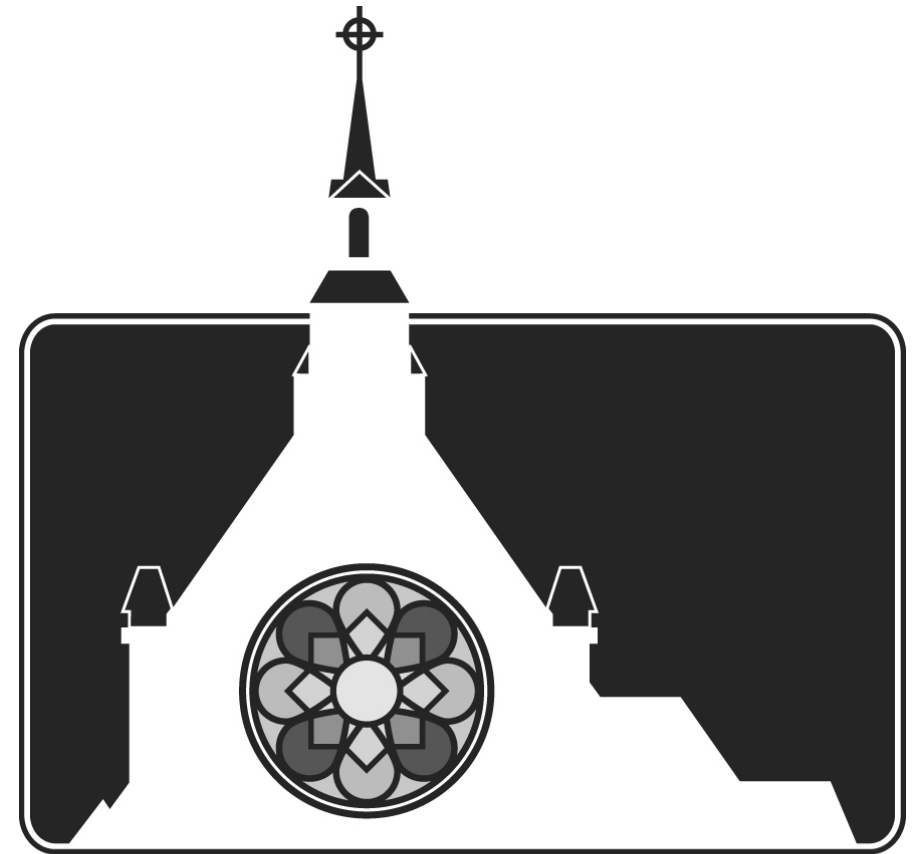
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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Coming Home Sunday  
September 8, 2024

of the countries and narration. Your first-class seat in our beautiful cabin is reserved for a luxury, all-expenses-paid. And your friends and neighbors are also welcome to this tour! Mark your calendar!

**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](http://fbca2.org/crop-walk) to join First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor CROP Walk Team.

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



### Calendar

September 8	Coming Home Sunday
September 10	Executive Council @7:00p
September 11	Bible Study @1:00p
	The Gathering @5:30p
September 12	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
September 14	Youth Group Retreat
	Shared Supper
September 15	Shared Supper
September 17	Ladies Book Club @7:00p
September 27	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
October 6	CROP Walk

**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 for our **Coming Home Party!** Our festive regathering after summer travels and schedules will include live jazz music, a delicious popcorn bar, and face painting, too! Let's get this party poppin'!

**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. Kids will join their families for the Coming Home Party. If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org))

**Youth (grades 6-12)** Youth Group's first Sunday will be Sunday, September 15 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 inter-faith 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](mailto:valerie@fbca2.org)).

**Youth Group Retreat.** All youth—rising 6th through 12th graders—are invited to a day trip to the beach in Saugatuck, MI on September 14 to kick off our Youth Group year. We're planning a fun day of swimming, hiking, dune rides, and ice cream. The group plans to leave from the church at 8:00a and return in the evening around 10:00p. Please let Valerie Francia ([valerie@fbca2.org](mailto:valerie@fbca2.org)) know if you can attend!

**Second Hour Adult Formation.** Following church next Sunday, September 15, we begin a series on the Art of Pilgrimage led by Heather Entrekin. Members of the team that served in Nicaragua this summer will share insights and reflections from their experience. Everybody welcome!

**Wednesday Bible Study starts this week.** Starting on September 11, the group will meet on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the memorial lounge. Rev. Heather Entrekin will lead the group in September and then Rev. Rick Mixon will continue. We will begin with an introduction to the practice of *lectio divina* using a text from Mark 4. The focus of following sessions will depend upon group preferences.

**Children's Choir for kids in Young 5's through 5th grade begins Sunday, September 15th!** Michelle Ding and Charlie Duke look forward to meeting with the children each Sunday from 11:30-12:00 in the Children's Choir room in the Children's Ministry wing. Kids may be picked up from the choir room at noon or they can head to our supervised Play Space until 12:30 when adult and teen formation classes end (12:30p). We are looking forward to a year of fun faith formation through song!

**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.

**Meal Trains.** We have two opportunities to express our love and support for young families in our church community by providing meals over the next several weeks. Please use the Meal Trains found at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect) to sign up to provide either

home-cooked meals or restaurant deliveries/gift cards. Delivery instructions and other details are in each Meal Train. **Christine Hwang and Jeff Withington's** baby, Mae Hwang Withington, arrived on Thursday, August 8th just after midnight. Please sign up to bring a meal or have one delivered to this new family of three. **Jackie Snyder-Powdhar** is now home following the early delivery of Caspian, who will be in the NICU for some weeks. Please sign up to provide meals for **Brandon, Jackie, and Niko** during this challenging time.

**COME ONE COME ALL!** The choir has openings for singers in every section. We have wonderful singers with us now, but we need to build each of our sections, soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. We have section leaders to help you learn your parts too! If you love to sing, or know anyone who does, can read some music (don't need to be an expert), want to worship God through music, desire to help the congregation sing the hymns more fully, and have lots of fun, you could be in the choir! I will admit it takes commitment though, but don't we want to give our best in the worship of the living God? We rehearse together each Thursday night from 7pm to 8:30pm. We sing around 120 pieces per season. We rehearse on Sunday mornings starting at 9:15am until the end of the worship service at 11:15am. We sing the Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons and Carols Service from King's College, Cambridge. If you or anyone you know would like to join us, please let me know, come to a practice, see how you do, experience singing in the choir! You might find you love it and think, "why have I waited so long? This is GREAT!" You can see me on any Sunday after worship if you would like to chat about it! Think about it. Pray about it. Here is a famous quote from Shakespeare that I edited long ago: To sing or not to sing, there is NO question!!!! - Bonnie Kidd, Choir Director

**The FBC Ladies' Book Club** will next meet Tuesday, September 17th at 7pm to discuss Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea. We will meet at Mary Gregg's home. Please contact Janice Stumpf or Mary Gregg with any questions. All ladies are welcome!

**Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series** kicks off on 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