



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF PREPARATION: *"Unless you become as a little child, or have not ceased to be one, the best that there is to be had will not come your way...The lucky ones – most of them some sort of artists, but not by any means all – seem to be always as if they had just come into the world and were going over this remarkable find in a delectable state of wonder and amazement."*

C. E. Montague, *The Right Place: A Book of Pleasures*

"I know the only way to cope with growing up is to become a little child, to choose to evolve with all our complexity toward simplicity; to accept and trust as a little child trusts, only now with the second innocence born of sin and pride transfigured that is more precious than the first, that enables us to walk into dark corridors knowing we will be clobbered, but walking in anyway; to love wholeheartedly with wonder and astonishment and delight; to not be afraid of a child's self-forgetful absorption in life, approached uncritically and with suspended judgment, so that we may learn true critical discernment."

Maggie Ross, *The Fire of Your Life: A Solitude Shared*

GREETING

Xan Morgan & Rick Mixon

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(Lakota)

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Christ, You Are the Fullness of God

Arr. by Shin-Ae Chun

Tune: *ARIRANG* (Korea)

***RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER**

Jillian Mast

(*Please stand in body or spirit)

One: In Tagalog and Turkish,
in Mandarin and in Maine drawls,
in children's whispers
and seniors' forgotten words,

**Many: glad songs are lifted to you, Loving God,
and we join our hearts and voices in praising you.**

One: In villages where water is more precious than gold,
in prisons where humanity often disappears,
in neighborhoods controlled by gangs,
in residential homes for the disabled,

**Many: your children cry out for justice, Servant of the poor,
and we commit our hearts and lives to serving them with you.**

One: In prayers for peace whispered by little children,
in hope-filled comfort offered to those who struggle,
in affirmations of unity found in neighborhoods where folks live side-by-side,
in plain talk free of obscuring jargon,

**Many: you continue to fill us with the words we need, Wisdom's Heart,
and we will continue to speak them in every moment.**

One: In this place, and in every place,
with those we know, and with folks faraway,
we will seek to be your people
united in your heart, love, and service.

Many: God in Community, Holy in One, hear our prayer. Amen.

***HYMN 552**

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

*TOKYO
(Japan)*

REFLECTING ON OUR NEED FOR GOD

Prayer of Reflection

(Sri Lanka)

Words of Assurance

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

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

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward. 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!)

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world
All the children everywhere, they are always in God's care
Jesus loves the little children of the world

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

ANTHEM*O Spirit of the Living God*

- Austin C. Lovelace

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
 Descent upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
 Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
 Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
 From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
 Burn winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
 To preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter words of truth which all may hear,
 The language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
 Till every one shall blend their creeds in one,
 And earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
 So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
 And earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole.
 Till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

SCRIPTURE READING (NRSV)*Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16*

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!**SERMON***Like a Child*

Rick Mixon

SILENT REFLECTION**INVITATION TO GIVING****OFFERING OF GIFTS***Be Still*

John Purifoy

Be still and know that I am God. What can we bring before the Lord?
 How shall we bow before Him, offering our gold and silver, our sacrifice?
 This our Lord has sown to us, all that is good and worthy.
 All the Lord requires, only these things: To do justice rightly,
 to love mercy and kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.
 Be still and know that I am God.

***DOXOLOGY** (see insert) For Fish and Poi Tune: *TALLIS CANON* (England)

**For fish and poi, for bread and meat,
 For all Thou givest us to eat;
 For hands that help and hearts that share
 Lord, offer we our grateful prayer.**

Text: Edith Wolfe (Hawaii)

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Rick Mixon & Xan Morgan

Invitation to the Table

The Bread *Jesus Paid It All* by Lloyd Larson

The Cup *Blessed Assurance* by Pepper Choplin

The Prayer of Blessing

*HYMN 557 (verse 1) Blest Be the Tie That Binds *DENNIS*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

*HYMN (see insert) Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ *LINDSTEAD*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Finale* Janet Linker
from *Variations on How Firm a Foundation* (b.1938, American)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in gratitude for my church family's love and support.*

~ Betty Doman ~

We pray for Bob Reynolds, Rob Snyder, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Gilbert Sanders, 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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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!

Pastoral Transition. Rev. Dr. Randle (Rick) Mixon began serving as Interim Pastor of First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor in October 2024. Rick is an ordained American Baptist minister with over 50 years of experience in pastoral ministry, church leadership, and social justice advocacy. He served as the Pastor of First Baptist Church of Palo Alto, California from 2006-2020 and has served as Interim Minister for four congregations over his career – Dolores Street Baptist Church, San Francisco, CA; First Baptist (now United) Church of Granville, OH; Fairview Community Church, Costa Mesa, CA, and Old Cambridge Baptist Church of Cambridge, MA. He is a long-time member of Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, CA, the church that ordained him in 1996 as the first openly LGBTQIA+ Baptist to be ordained.

Rick brings to First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor a passion for preaching the gospel of love, grace, and liberation, a commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive community of faith, and a vision for engaging in prophetic witness and service in the world.

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

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 Xan and their classmates during worship. Following worship, the 2nd-5th graders will attend Fellowship Time with their families until Children's Choir begins at 11:30.

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 begins today, October 6, and running through November 10, focusing 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. We will meet in the Memorial Lounge.

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. This week's scriptures are Job 38:1-7 (34-41) * Psalm 104:1-9, 24,35c * Hebrews 5:1-10 * Mark 10:35-45.

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 Pastor Rick Mixon. 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, cider, 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 today. 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. It's not too late to support our team! Give online at fbca2.org/crop-walk or give a cash or check donation today at the Crop Walk table in the fellowship hall to support the First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor CROP Walk Team. Walk with the First Baptist Ann Arbor crew this afternoon. The more walkers, the merrier! 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!

Art Memorial Installation in honor of Rev. Dr. Stacey Simpson Duke. Stacey co-pastored First Baptist with her husband, Rev. Dr. Paul Simpson Duke from 2001 through 2023. She died on February 27, 2023 after living with Stage IV Leiomyosarcoma. Join us on Thursday, October 24th at 6:00p for a brief service to bless and install the memorial weaving created by artist Jenny Schu. Thank you to our Art Memorial Committee - Lucy Thompson, Grace VanderVliet, Kristin Reynolds, David Robbins, and Xan Morgan - for their leadership on this project.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers. Want to help with flowers on Sunday? There are two ways to sign-up! You can add your name to the calendar posted downstairs in the hallway or at [fbca2/connect](https://fbca2.org/connect). You can bring the flowers with you on Sunday morning or we can order them for \$50. A dedication will appear in the bulletin and the flowers are yours to take after the service.

Note re: today's prelude. *Arirang* is one of the most popular Korean folk songs. Although it is not known who wrote this song, it is estimated that *Arirang* has been around for over 600 years. Different regions of the country have their own version, which makes some 60 different versions of it with more than 3000 variations. Each version includes a refrain similar to "Arirang, Arirang, Arariyo" which does not have a specific meaning.

아리랑, 아리랑, 아라리요.	Arirang, arirang, arariyo.
아리랑 고개로 넘어간다	He is going over Arirang hill.
나를 버리고 가시는 님은	If my love abandons me,
십리도 못가서 발병난다.	He shall not walk even three miles before his feet get sore.
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Shin-Ae is playing an arrangement of the tune as it was heard in the movie "*Arirang*" (1926). 'My love' in the lyrics can imply a lover, a husband or a wife or a country.

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 6	CROP Walk @2:00p at Zion Lutheran Church
October 9	Bible Study @1:00p
	The Gathering @5:30p
October 10	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
October 13	Blessing of the Animals @4:00p
October 18	Ad Libitum Concert @12noon
October 24	Installation of Memorial Art @6:00p