



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF PREPARATION: *"Awe is not always inspired by beauty and goodness. Truth sometimes comes in hard packages. It takes both great love and great suffering to stun us and bring us to our knees. God is there in all of it, using every circumstance of our life, to draw us ever more deeply into the heart of God."*

Richard Rohr

GREETING

Rick Mixon

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rayna Garcia & Xan Morgan

One: As the wild deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you,
O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Two: We have come together to strengthen our love and our worship of the living God.

All: Our corporate worship is a sharing of faith and expectation.

One: We also bring our own unique and private joys, anxieties, memories and hopes.

All: Our worship includes secrets known to God alone.

Two: We gather with a common status as the children of one loving three-person'd God.

All: Our worship unites a scattered family.

One: We offer our varied gifts and resources to the one common Savior.

All: Our worship is a community in the one body of Christ.

Two: We gather in the presence of the Holy Spirit, where each soul may better know itself, understand its neighbor, and slake its thirst on God's love.

All: Our worship is a search and finding, a loving and adoring.

PRELUDE *Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr (Variation 1)* J.P. Sweelinck
(I Love Thee with All My Heart, O Lord) (1562-1621, Dutch)

OPENING PRAYER

Rayna Garcia

***HYMN 126** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:9-15a

Rick Mixon

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL SONG We Are the Church (Hymn 558 refrain, sung twice)
(Children 5th grade and younger come forward.)

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

BLESSING OF CHURCH CAMP CAMPERS, CITS, AND COUNSELORS
(Children through 4th grade complete head to Children's Ministry.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rick Mixon

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" - hymnal page 896)

ANTHEM

Steal Away

arr. by Harry T. Burleigh
Isaac Thompson, baritone

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain' got long to stay here!
My Lord, calls me, He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul; I ain' got long to stay here.
Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain' got long to stay here!
Green trees are bending. Poor sinner stands a-trembling;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain' got long to stay here.
Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain' got long to stay here!

REFLECTING ON OUR NEED FOR GOD

Rick Mixon & Xan Morgan

"You have made us for yourself, O God,
and hearts are restless till they rest in you."

St. Augustine

Prayer of Reflection

*Silence is kept for a time so that we might meditate, reflect, be still,
draw closer to the holy, lift our own prayers of desire and recognition.*

Words of Assurance

***HYMN** (see insert)

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

SERMON

The Sound of Sheer Silence

Rick Mixon

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Now we return to God a portion of that with which we have been blessed. In this moment and in this act, we pledge ourselves anew to responsible stewardship of our financial resources, our time, our talent and of the good earth we inhabit by God's grace.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Jesus Loves Me

Arr. by Joel Raney
(b.1956, American)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above you heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

*HYMN (see insert)

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Arr. by Mark Hayes
(b.1953, American)

We pray for Bob Reynolds, Jon VanderVliet, Martin Magers, Judy Burton, Marlene Francis, Grange Burnside, David Gregg, Joan Blunt, Becky Lepley, Adriane Moulton Headley, Peg & Joe Bradford, Rob Snyder, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Katherine Cartee, Chuck Suits, Lynda Berg, Marilyn Marsh, Pidgey Karolyi, Dakota Lawson, Bill Nummy, Helga Mortensen, Lindsay Grace, Greg DuBois, Cindy Okarski, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry, and Fay Key.

*Please stand in body or spirit

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

Join us after worship downstairs for coffee. We'd love to connect!

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) upstairs. Children who have completed 4th grade and younger, leave for Summer Children's Ministry following Time as Children in the Play Space upstairs and should be picked up after worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth Group (grades 6-12) during second hour is on break until the fall, 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 Jillian (jillian@fbca2.org).

Flower Calendar needs some help. There are a few Sundays this summer that don't have anyone signed up to bring flowers for the chancel. You can bring your own or arrange with Dana Larson to have them delivered from the florist (\$50). Please sign up on the calendar in the hallway downstairs or online at fbca2.org/connect.

We're excited to host Derek Webb's Survival Songs concert on Saturday, June 28, at 7:00p here at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor! Derek Webb is a veteran singer-songwriter known for his fearless honesty, razor-sharp lyrics, and genre-bending artistry. With a career spanning decades, from his early days with Caedmon's Call

to a bold solo catalog, Webb has never shied away from tackling the hard questions. His latest project, *Survival Songs*, is no exception. Written and recorded in just one month, the new album is a powerful response to the urgent need for comfort, courage, and empowerment, especially for queer youth facing growing threats in today's world. As an artist, citizen, and dad of teens, Webb invites listeners to join him on tour and experience these powerful songs live: a soundtrack for survival in dangerous times. Get your tickets at fbca2.org/derekwebb and spread the word!

Pizza in the Park! Join us Tuesday, July 22nd for a midsummer, intergenerational gathering of dinner and connection at County Farm Park from 5:30-7:30p. We'll have pizza, fruit, and drinks. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like! Please RSVP online (fbca2.org/pizzainthepark) or at the Ministry Station so that we can prepare accordingly. Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan or a member of the Board of Christian Ed.

FBC Men's Book Club next meets at 7:00p on Monday, July 28 at the home of Scott Diels. They are reading *The Second Mountain, the Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks.

Habitat for Humanity FBC Workdays. The 2025 house is located at 1015 Gault Drive, Ypsilanti. Our Friday workday is **Aug 1st**. The FBC volunteers will work with another congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunch that day. If you have the time and wish to volunteer during the week go to the Good News house website: H4H.org/goodnewsgroup for home page and H4H.org/goodnewsvolunteer for signing waivers.

As in past years, our congregation has also committed financial support to the project. We are asking you to contribute as you have in the past to aid this effort to provide affordable housing in our community. We have committed to raising \$2500 in 2025. Checks can be written to FBC, with H4H in the memo line. Reach out to Scott Diels if you have any questions.

Support for the Magers. After having emergency surgery a couple weeks ago, Martin Magers has been diagnosed with Thoracic Outlet Syndrome. He will be having a second surgery on Friday, June 27th and will be in the hospital for a week.

To express love and support for the Magers, Xan will be collecting funds to purchase gift cards to some of their favorite restaurants. You can donate via PayPal, Venmo, or check/cash to Xan Morgan. Please reach out to Xan (xan@fbca2.org) if you have any questions.

FBC Ladies Book Club. Our next book is *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. We will meet at Madeline Drake's home on July 15th at 6:30pm to discuss. For those reading ahead, *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict is next in line. Happy Reading! Janice

Land Acknowledgement. We acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral homeland of the Anishinabae people of the Three Fires Confederacy - the Ojibwe, Ottawa & Potawatomi - and the Wyandot, and that this unceded land is still sacred to them.

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



Calendar

June 22	A2 Summer Festival @5:00p
June 28	Derek Webb Concert @7:00p
July 15	FBC Ladies Book Club @6:30p
July 22	Pizza in the Park @5:30p
August 1	Habitat for Humanity Workday

The Pastor Search Committee (PSC) The Pastor Search Committee met this Monday, June 16. The team developed values and norms that will govern our work together, keeping us focused on God's presence and this important call on behalf of the congregation. We then got to work on gathering the necessary information that will go to our region representative. She will enter the church's information into the online American Baptist Personnel system, MinistrElife. Specifically, we worked on the job description, the job posting, and began work on the salary package. There is more information to collect for all three. We spent a significant amount of time discussing and compiling the top eight priorities the church seeks in a pastor based on the church profile. These priorities will be used in MinistrElife to help match the church to potential candidates. The PSC will meet again this coming Monday, June 23. Thank you for being on the journey with us! We appreciate your prayers. If you would like to reach out to us, please send us an email at psc@fbca2.org.

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