

*All of them were filled
with the Holy Spirit*



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

8 June 2025

WORDS OF PREPARATION: *This love has as its object God, as well as other people. Christian theological tradition has most often seen the Holy Spirit in the Trinity as the bond of love between the Father and the Son...The primary effect of the Spirit acting in people...will be love, both for one another and for God...God's Spirit joins our spirit; it does not replace it. The good acts we perform are truly our acts, not simply acts of the Holy Spirit in us. The deepest part of the self is the spiritual dimension. From the center flows all our freedom and love; at this level we remain free to choose to move or not to move with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is indeed active in us at all times drawing us toward greater love and service of God and others, but the Spirit does not control our response. That flows from our freedom.*

Richard J. Hauser, *In His Spirit*

Even in the darkest of times we have the right to expect some illumination... Such illumination may well come less from theories and concepts than from the uncertain, flickering, and often weak light that some men and women, in their lives and works, will kindle under almost all circumstances and shed over the time-span that was given them on earth.

Hannah Arendt

GREETING

Rick Mixon

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Marissa Alaniz

Flaming Love by Bruce Sanguin

One: O Holy One,
we gather to rediscover fire –
kindled by an ember that flew from the great radiance,
Love's bright beginning in time and space –
flaming forth now in us.

All: May our own Spirit-fanned words
and the thoughts of our hearts
become love's flames,
tongues of forgiveness,
sentences of justice,
declaring the good news:
that Wisdom burns
in the heart of this cosmic adventure.

One: Pour out a Pentecostal blessing upon us;
transform our babbling into a syntax of blessing,
a proclamation that the world is ablaze with your glory,
that we are suffused in Spirit,

All: and that all creation is awaiting
our arrival as your children –
fire, now shape-shifted into conscious future-forgers –
willing to reveal and realize God's Beloved Community.

PRELUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

A.D. Miller

OPENING PRAYER

Marissa Alaniz

*HYMN (see insert) *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow* *ABERYSTWYTH*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1-21

Rick Mixon & Marissa Alaniz

(When you hear this line in the scripture reading, you are invited to respond
with the following line, repeated 3 times aloud in whatever languages
you feel comfortable.)

...in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All: God loves us and wants the best for all creation.

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!

Children 5th grade and younger come forward.

TIME AS CHILDREN

We Are the Church (Hymn 558 refrain)

Rick Mixon

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we are the church together.
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All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we are the church together.

Children leave for church school.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rick Mixon

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

ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord

Healey Willan

The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world; O, come, let us worship Him.
Alleluia. Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful people, and
kindle in them the fire of Thy love: Thou, who through divers tongues
gatherest together the nations in the unity of the faith. Alleluia.

REFLECTING ON OUR NEED FOR GOD

Rick Mixon

Responsive Prayer of Reflection *Ordinary People* by John van de Laar

One: Holy One, life is a mystery – far too deep for us to fathom, too large
for us to grasp. We are just ordinary people, seeking to make each
day something special, and hoping that in some way our lives might
have meaning, might count.

All: We recognize that we need so much.

We need wisdom and strength.

We need compassion and courage.

So, we turn to You as the source of what we need.

One: What a surprise it is to discover that You are within us! In Jesus, You
have stepped into our world. By Your Spirit, You have stepped into
our hearts. How often we have missed this hidden treasure inside us.

All: Yes, we are just ordinary people, but we are Your image, and we are
filled with Your Presence.

Forgive us for our blindness, and for our neglect of the gift of Yourself
with which You have so generously blessed us. In Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

*HYMN (see insert)

O Breath of Life

ST. CLEMENT

SERMON

A Syntax of Blessing

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

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry

My life goes on in endless song, above earth's lamentation
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing.

*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 558

We Are the Church

PORT JERVIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Final from Choral Varié sur le thème du Veni Creator, Op. 4*

Maurice Duruflé

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Burne and Phylis White and in
joyful celebration of the 60-many years they spent together and shared with us.*

*~ Nancy; David, Leah, Rebecca, Eva, Alexa & Wyatt; Laura & Brian;
Bill, Suzanne, Nadia & Allie; Jane & Nancy; Carolyn & Tim;
and Suzanne, Eddie & JT. ~*

We pray for Marlene Francis, Jon VanderVliet, Grange Burnside, David Gregg, Joan Blunt, Becky Lepley, Adriane Moulton Headley, Bob Reynolds, 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

Shin-Ae Chun is away visiting family. We welcome **Cary Dumas** back to the organ this morning. He serves as a substitute organist and pianist at a variety of churches throughout Ann Arbor and metro Detroit. He studied piano at Michigan State University and organ with several private instructors. In his spare time, he is an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service in Detroit.

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). Children through 1st grade leave for Children's Ministry 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 12:30 from the Playroom upstairs.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets Sunday mornings during the Formation hour (11:30am–12:30pm) in the Youth Room directly below the sanctuary. We have fun together, eat snacks, talk about our lives and explore some exciting stories from the Bible and their real-life justice implications. Feel free to contact Jillian with any questions at Jillian@fbca2.org.

Adult Formation Classes. Join us in the lounge at 11:30 today and on June 15 for two Adult Formation sessions on worship. In the first we consider what worship is both traditionally and in the practice of First Baptist. Why do we do what we do in the service? What is the significance of each of the elements? In the second session we will look at music in worship, particularly the hymns and songs we sing.

Let's have some fun and spread some love while we volunteer together at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival! Let's have some fun and spread some love while we volunteer together at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival! On Sunday, June 22 from 5-7:00p, the Board of Outreach invites folks from FBCA2 to greet at Top of the Park and offer guidance regarding compost, recycling, and landfill items to help reach the Festival Footprint goals! There will be a fun performance, Squonk: Brouhaha just before and at the end of our shift. All ages are welcome; sign up at fbca2.org/connect! Volunteers under the age of 10 yrs do not need to officially sign up but are invited to come with their families. We encourage volunteers to wear one of our "Love over..." t-shirts. Let's spread the love! If you'd like to purchase a t-shirt, long-sleeve shirt, or sweatshirt you can do so at fbca2.org/connect. Youth and adult sizes are available. Church is happy to subsidize the cost when needed.

Wednesday Bible Study. Pastor Rick leads the study which often includes good snacks, and always coffee and fellowship as we receive the gift of God's living word. We will be looking at 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; and Luke 8:26-39.

Post-secondary Education Scholarships Available. Scholarships are available to members of the First Baptist family from the Chester and Violet Loucks and Fullerton funds for post-secondary education. Applications are available from Robbie Stapleton (robbiestapleton@gmail.com), chair of Board of Christian Education. The deadline for receipt of applications is June 15, 2025.

Church Camp Scholarships. We hope your kids and teens are able to enjoy some church camp fun! Scholarships for camp are available through the Board of Christian Education; reach out to Xan Morgan, Jillian Mast, or Robbie Stapleton if you have any questions.

Board and Staff Retreat. We look forward to gathering on Wednesday, June 18th from 5:00-8:00p to connect, reflect, and plan with all FBCA2 board members and staff! Dinner and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP online at fbca2.org/connect by Wednesday, June 11.

Habitat for Humanity FBC Workdays. The 2025 house is located at 1015 Gault Drive, Ypsilanti. Our FBC Saturday workday is **June 14th** and our Friday workday is **Aug 1st**. The FBC volunteers will work with another congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunches on work days. 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.

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

Greeting Card donations. The Board of Care & Community is soliciting donations of any greeting cards (birthday, get well, thinking of you, and such) you don't need. They can be dropped off at the church office.

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 11	Bible Study @1:00p
June 12	Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00p
June 14	Habitat for Humanity Work Day
June 18	Board & Staff Retreat @5:00p
June 22	A2 Summer Festival @5:00p
July 15	FBC Ladies Book Club @6:30p
July 22	Pizza in the Park @5:00p

ITT Update. On Sunday, June 1, we held our final ITT event, marking a significant milestone in our congregation's journey of Transforming through Transition. Like all the events that preceded it, this gathering was well-attended and demonstrated the dedication of our church family in supporting this important process. It was an encouraging conclusion to a series of engagements that were both reflective and forward-looking. As part of our ongoing efforts, we look forward to sharing the completed Church Profile later this month. This profile is a culmination of months of collective reflection and will serve as a critical resource for pastoral candidates. The document seeks to provide a comprehensive understanding of our church's past, its current state, and our hopes for the future of FBCA2.

On June 4, we held our final wrap-up meeting, officially bringing the ITT process to a close. This meeting served as a time to reflect on the journey, celebrate the progress made, and prepare for the next phase of this transition. As we close this chapter, we do so with gratitude for the collective effort and commitment that made it possible, with special thanks to the ITT. With the completion of our process, we now entrust the responsibility of guiding our congregation's next steps to the Pastoral Search Committee. This group will carry forward the work initiated under ITT, focusing on identifying and calling a new pastoral leader who aligns with our vision and values. We have every confidence in the committee's ability to steward this responsibility with the care and dedication that our congregation deserves. Thanks to all who have supported us to this point in our process and we look forward to continuing on our journey of *Transforming through Transition!*

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